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Growing pressure on Home Secretary over role in prison operations

Howard 'not frank' with MPs

HEATHER MILLS and DONALD MACINTYRE

Michael Howard came under renewed opposition pressure last night after Jack Straw, the shadow Home Secretary, accused him of being "less than frank" with the Commons about how much he was involved in running the prison ser-

Mr Straw's accusation came on a day of claim and counterclaim over whether Mr Howard intervened to seek the disciplinary suspension of the governor of Parkhurst, John Marriott, after the breakout from the high security jail last January.

The Prime Minister was forced to the defence of the embattled Home Secretary amid growing calls for him to accept blame and resign over the security crisis in the Prison Service. Labour has called a half-day Commons debate to-morrow on Mr Howard's responsibility for the service and his decision to sack Mr Lewis, its director-general. Mr Major told the Commons: "I believe he has acted entirely properly throughout this affair. He has my full support."

At the centse of the row at Westminster was Mr Howard's alleged attempt to suspend Mr Marriott immediately after the

But Mr Lewis was yesterday also thought to be ready to take issue with the possible involvement of Mr Howard's officials in the timing of the transfer of IRA prisoners to Northern Ireland - a controversial decision for which Mr Lewis shouldered. the entire blame.

In the Commons Tony Blair, the Labour leader, asked Mr Major to confirm that "the Home Secretary personally told Mr Lewis that the governor of Parkhurst prison should be suspended immediately. When Mr Lewis objected as it was an operational matter, [Mr Howard] threatened to instruct him to do

"When Mr Lewis further objected the Home Secretary told



"I shouldn't be here! I'm innocent! It was the other chap what did it!"

the operational director of the prison service by fax that be was going to announce it in the House of Commons that day and duly did in his statement to the House."

In his reply Mr Major said that the Home Secretary was responsible to Parliament for the actions of the Home Office and for the actions of the govGeneral Sir John Learmont) have been directed at the director of prisons and not at the Home Secretary".

Although neither Mr Howard on Monday nor the Prime Minister yesterday directly rebutted this claim in

But he added: "He appointed Mr Lewis to run the prison service and the criticisms of the last few days over the report [by

Commons exchanges, the should be suspended immediately. The Home Secretary did not threaten to instruct Mr Lewis land confirmed in a BBC

Lewis to suspend the governor television interview that the decision to remove Mr Marriott from his joh of running Parkhurst had been taken by Mr

Lewis alone. The statement said that Mr Howard "did not tell Mr Lewis that the governor of Parkhurst

not threaten to instruct Mr of Parkhurst and the Home Secretary did not announce to the House of commons that afternoon that the governor of Parkhurst had been suspended. Mr Marriott was moved to

other duties in the Prison Ser-

Barings 'conspiracy'

statement left open the question of whether the Home Secretary had sought disciplinary suspension - which did not in the event take place.

But Mr Straw insisted last

night that the Home Office

Mr Straw said on ITN last night: "I am saying Michael Howard has been less than frank with the House of Commons about his involvement

terror operational matters, namely the moving and possible sus-pension of the Governor of

MARY DEJEVSKY

Labour sources yesterday claimed they had been told France was facing the prospect formed through a senior Home Office official that if he did not from removing him from his current post pending an in-quiry - Mr Lewis's own joh The Home Secretary told

the Home Affairs Select Committee earlier this year that prison rules governing the re-moval of staff meant that there was no need" to have any discussion with Mr Lewis about Mr Marriott's future. He bas also claimed that if

Parkhurst prison."

could be at risk

that Mr Lewis had been in-

suspend Mr Lewis - as distinct

'policy" failings rather than 'operational" failing are shown to have caused the Parkhurst debacle, he would resign. He maintains the Learmont inquiry cleared him.

Yesterday Judge Stephen Tu-mim, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, questioned the Home Secretary's attempts to divorce policy from operation, "If you are dividing policy and opera-tions it means the Home Secretary is not responsible for anything at all," Judge Tumim

"Nothing is created by policy. What has created trouble is created through operational

"That means the Home Secretary takes credit but is free of responsibility. I'm saying it's a bogus distinction," he told BBC radio. "The law says the Home Secretary has responsibility for prisons - that's the Prisons

Mr Lewis, said: "The degree of [Mr Howard's] involvement ranges from simply asking for information, to questioning de-cisions, to personally approving things like search plans."

Questioned about the depth of involvement, he said: "A great deal of involvement.

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Metro shocks France

last night of a protracted urban terror campaign, after the eighth bomb blast in a wave of attacks by Algerian Islamic fun-damentalists. The bomb torc through an underground commuter train as it sped through central Paris in the morning rush hour, injuring 29 people.

Speaking in the National Assembly yesterday afternoon, the French Prime Minister. Alain Juppé, said that a meet-ing planned between President Jacques Chirac and the Algerian president, Liamine Zer-oual, in New York was for France to "express its point of view". It did not, he said, "imply support for one or another candidate" in Algeria's coming presidential elections. A grave Mr Juppé said that France would "not allow itself to he intimidated" and would "not capitulate in the face of barbarism".

Mr Chirac, who cut short an engagement in Tours to visit some of the injured in hospital, expressed his horror at the latest attack and condemned those who "resort to fanaticism".

The device exploded on a suburban train close to the foreign ministry at the Quai d'Orsay, blowing the feet and legs off some of the victims. A police spokesman said it was a miramore peopl After the blast, hundreds of passergers had to walk through a smoke-filled tunnel to safety.

Well-rehearsed emergency procedures had doctors and firefighters at the scene within minntes. A field hospital was set up at Quai d'Orsay station, where at least one person had a limb amputated.

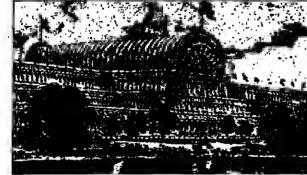
"We're all a little hit traumatised right now. It's harpened too many times," said one commuter. "There's a psy-chosis among the population." Fear grips Paris, page 11

Crystal **Palace** may rise from the ashes

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Reporter

The Crystal Palace - the centrepiece of the Great Exhibition of 1851 - will be rebuilt in 2000 if confidential plans submitted to the Millennium Commission are successful: It is understood at least four

of the 15 operators bidding for the contract to run the year-long Millennium Exhibition have submitted the proposal as one of their key ideas. The Millen-mirm Commissioners are drawing up a shortlist of three, due to be announced by Friday. The Crystal Palace was designed by Sir Joseph Panton, the Duke of Devonshire's head



Former glory: The Crystal Palace may be rebuilt in 2000

gardener at his Derbyshire home, Chatsworth, and based is on its lily house. It was the first prefabricated hullding. It stood in Hyde Park during

the Great Exhibition, and was rehnilt in Sydenham, south London, in 1854. There it was used as the equivalent of a Victorian Disneyworld, housing reconstructions of the wonders of the world for schoolchildren.

It burned down in 1936, and Paxton's original plans for the glass palace - drawn on linen are said to have been destroyed after being used as bandages during the First World War.

But contemporaneous copies existed and were published in book form by the Victoria and

Albert Museum in 1971. These would be used to recreate an exact replica of the original. The cost has been estimated

at £50m, compared with £170,000 in 1851. It would house futuristic displays, thus celebrating both the old millennium and the new.
Virginia Bottomley, the Sec-

retary of State for Heritage and the chairwoman of the Commission, will amounce the winner in January, along with which one of the four shortlisted exhibition sites - Derby's Pride Park, Stratford in east London, the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham and Greenwich in south-east London - has

obstructed rescue JOHN EISENHAMMER London and STEVE VINES

A cover-up by former top Barings executives prevented lastnute action that could have saved the bank from collapse, the Singapore anthorities claimed yesterday. Accusing two former executives of lying and of concealing vital information, the Singapore report on

the bankruptcy of Barings raised the spectre of conspiracy. In abrasive language, so dif-ferent from the British authorities' report, published in July, the Singapore officials slated the Bank of England for failing its supervisory responsibilities when Barings massively exceeded the accepted safety limits for exposure to risk on several Asian exchanges. The Singapore authorities accused the Bank of England of Group could have averted

obstructing their inquiries in collapse by timely action. By the Britain, even going so far as to end of January 1995, although Britain, even going so far as to

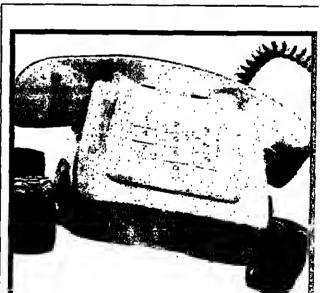
seize interview transcripts.
Next to Nick Leeson, whose
speculation broke the bank under nearly £1bn of losses, the Singapore investigators pointed their fingers at Peter Norris, former chief executive of Bar-ings, and James Bax, head of operations in Singapore.

They were accused of covering up a £50m accountancy discrepancy, found by auditors in January 1995, that turned out to be a crucial indication of the fraudulent trades allegedly woven by Mr Leeson: "Mr Norris and Mr Bax have denied being involved in any plan either to underplay the significance of the discrepancy or to discourage independent investigations into the matter. However, we are unable to accept their denials. "It seems probable that un-til February 1995, the Baring

substantial losses had been incurred, these were only one quarter the eventual losses."

The Singapore investigators also suggested some Barings executives must have known about Mr Leeson's secret 88888 account, used to conceal the losses: "For three years ac-count 8888 purportedly escaped the notice of the entire Baring Group management. Yet within hours after the Baring Group senior management concluded that Mr Leeson had fled, Baring personnel, working in Loudon and Singapore with incomplete documentation, un-covered account 88888 and identified it as the immediate cause of the collapse." The Bank of England yesterday refused to comment on the criti-

cism in the Singapore report. Leading article, page 18 Fate of Barings, page 21



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PC on murder charge A police officer has, for the first time ever, been accused of committing murder while on duty. PC Patrick Hodgson, 48, a member of Scotland Yard's firearms unit, was charged with murdering a suspected car thief in London. Page 2 Setback for Clarke Clarke's Kenneth hopes of delivering a credible tax-cutting budget were dealt a severe blow yesterday by figures showing gov-

unlikely to hit its targets

Maxwell 'sacked minister

Kevin Maxwell told a court that a for-

mer Cabinet minister who was about

to succeed his father as chairman of

Maxwell Communications Corpora-

tion was sacked on a whim by the late



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Local schools were closed to enable schoolchildren to join the thousands of Middlesbrough supporters who turned out to welcome the Brazilian, Juninho (left), who has joined the Premiership chih for Black women's pride

This gives women a chance to

see that hlack men do appre-

ciate them ..." John Carlin

finds out what black women

thought of the Million Man

March.

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£4.75m welcome

Jail for Sting thief Accountant Keith Moore was jailed for six years yesterday for stealing £6m from rock superstar Sting. Moore, Sting's financial adviser for 15 years, lost £4.8m in a series of investments the star knew noth-Page 27 ing about. Page 4

Triads target schools A police inquiry is being set up after reports that Chinese "Itiad" gangsters are infiltrating schools to recruit new members for their organisatīons.

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The West trial: Court told that couple's use of bondage and exposure to physical pain frightened her away

Lesbian tells of fleeing violent affair

WILL BENNETT

Rosemary West became increasingly aggressive during a violent leshian affair in which she tied up and hlindfolded the other woman. Winchester Crown Court was told vesterday.

She and her husband. Fredcrick, showed Kathryn Halliday whips and a suitcase in which they kept rubber suits and masks at their home at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester.

"I realised just how dangerous things were getting," said Mrs Halliday. She decided to end the sexual relationship she had with both Mr and Mrs West and did not return.

Earlier the court was told that children's screams were heard in the night by a visitar to number 25 and that the Wests gave varying explanations for the disappearance of their eldest daughter Heather, whose remains were found under the pa-

un at the house.

Mrs West, 41, denies murdering 10 girls and young women whose remains were found at 25 Cromwell Street and at the West's previous home in Gloucester. Mr West. who was charged with 12 murders, was found dead in his prison cell on New Year's Day.

The prosecution alleges that seven of the victims were gagged, tied up and kept alive while they were sexually abused. They were mutilated and dismembered before being buried at 25 Cromwell Street.

Mrs Halliday, 38, said she moved into 11 Cromwell Street in October, 1988, and met Mr West who came to do some repairs. He knew she was a lesbian

and invited her round to meet his wife. At the Wests home she was shown pornographic videos until Mrs West joined them.

Mrs Halliday said that "there were no niceties, no formalities at all" and that Mrs Wesl undressed her and took her to a hedroom. Mrs Halliday said a sex session involving all three of them followed in which she was a willing participant.

After Mr West had sex with her he left the ronm for a time during which Mrs West "became very aggressive and very demanding", grabbing her wrists and asking whether she would be able to cope with their sexual demands

This was the start of a sexual relationship which lasted several months. Mrs West would knock on Mrs Halliday's window after she had dropped her children off at school at 9am. Mrs Halliday would then go round to number 25 for an all morning sex session.

Mrs Halliday got to know the

West's children and broke down as she told the court that the celbut where the remains of five victims were discovered was later used as the children's bedroom.

She said: "They had the little children sleeping above the bodies in Cromwell Street and I find that absolutely..." She could not complete the sentence but after pausing added: "They let them sleep on top of them." Mrs Halliday had sex with

Mrs West alone and with both she and her hushand with pornographic videos featuring bondage and sadism running. The videos were amateur and she recognised a bedroom at 25 Cromwell Street in one of them.

In it a girl was tied to a bed, whipped and a man forcibly had sex with her.

Mrs Halliday said that when she had sex with the Wests more often than not I had my hands fied and my feet were fied and Rose West would sit across me and I could not see what was going on."

She was also blindfolded, agged and tied up with what fell like dressing gown cord. Twice a pillow was put over her face and Mr West punched ber on one occasion. 4It got more



"They wanted me to do more and more all the time. They pushed me beyond my personal limits and when they began to hurt me bodily I began to ease off going there because of the physical pain they were causing me,"

Asked by Brian Leveson, QC, for the prosecution, why she bad gone back, Mrs Halliday replied: "At the time I was very, low, I was very vulnerable.

"The scenario was very much like a moth to a flame. You get burnt but the moth does come back until the flame singes its wings and it can fly no more. I think this is what happened, I could not take anymore.

On one occasion Mrs Halliday said she was taken to another bedroom where there were whips and where she was shown a suitcase which contained a selection of black rubberised suits and masks, some with no nose holes. These were creased and had clearly been used. She said: "I was frightened and I never ever went back into that room ... I realised that I was getting into something way over my head and way out of my

depth and I wanted none of it." Mrs Halliday, who admitted receiving £8,000 from the Sunday Mirror for her story, said that her relationship with the Wests ended and she left Cromwell Street in June, 1989.

Earlier a former boyfriend of Anne Marie, Mr West's daughter by his first wife, told the court that he had heard a girl screaming m the night when he once staved at 25 Cromwell Street Erwin Marschall said: "I thought I heard some rustling around and then I heard a scream of some sort." He added that it sounded as though a girl was saying "no, no, please", and when he asked about it later he was told that Heather West was having nightmares.

Jayne Hamer, a former dger at 25 Cromwell Street told the jury of eight men and four women that she heard girls screaming and shouting "stop it daddy" in the cellar. Arthur Dobbs, who paid Mrs

West £10 a time for sex, said that she told him that Mr West had been having sex with the children. Later he rang social services and told them this but refused to give his name.

A series of witnesses yesterday said that Mr and Mrs West given various explanations for the disappearance of Heather who vanished, aged 16, in 1987.

Mr Marschall said that Mrs West told him that Heather had become uncontrollable, had run away from home and that they had informed the police. be too much bothered."

Ronald Harrison, a friend of the Wests was told that Heather had injured the younger chil-dren while babysitting and had run off after being given "a good hiding" by Mrs. West. The Wests said that she tele-

phoned them regularly but rejused to give them her address. Margretta Dix, a neighbour, said that Mrs West told her: "I am not bothered if she is dead or alive, she has made her bed and she must lie on it." Mrs West admitted to her that she had not made any inquiries about her daughter.

Linda Tonks, whose daugh ter was a girlfriend of the West'a son, said Mrs West told her she and her husband had gone shopping one day and when they returned Heather and all her possessions had gone.

Ann Knight, a neighbour.

said that when she asked about Heather she was told that she had been having a lesbian relationship and had gone to Wales to live with a woman.

DAVID MCKITTRICK

The Government yesterday

gave rise to speculation that it

Irish ministerial meeting in

The Secretary of State for

Northern Ireland, Sir Patrick

Mayhew, and the Irish Foreign

Minister, Dick Spring, both in-

dicated after their meeting that

they favoured setting up an

Sir Patrick repeated that the

Government still favoured the

stipulation that some IRA

weaponry should be de-com-missioned before Sinn Fein

could be allowed to enter all-

possibility that the position

might change if a commission

Both governments appear to

came up with a better idea.

party talks. But he left open the

examine the issue.

might soften its position on all party negotiations. This ap-the de-commissioning of IRT proach was endorsed by Presi-

weapons following an Anglo- deal Clinton's national security



Missing daughter: Heather West, found buried under patio

agree on a twin-track approach, confidence for talks. But he

added: "It is theoretically pos-

sible that a commission might find some other means by which the necessary confidence can be

generated. If that is the case -

and we can't see it at the mo-

ment - then we would want to

Opinion was divided last night on whether this amount-

ed to a slightly less stark than

usual presentation of the Gov-

ernment's position, or whether

it represented the first step away

made clear that if an interna-

tional commission was simply

"an arms collection agency"

Mr Spring said a formal an-nouncement of the establish-

ment of a commission had not

been made because more work

needed to be done by officials.

But be was hopeful talks would

get under way "sooner rather

they would not cooperate.

from the stipulation.

look at that very closely."

Mayhew signals softer

line on IRA weapons

with a commission working on

the weapons issue while all

parties are invited to talks designed to pave the way for full

advisor, Anthony Lake, who was

m London for talks with Sir Patrick and with the Foreign Secretary, Malcolin Rifkind. Sinn Fein last night called on

the Government to call all-

party talks without precondi-

tions. Party chairman Mitchell McLaughlin said: "Sinn Fein is

prepared to look positively at any formula which will move the

situation forward in this con-

text." He described the de-

mand for a surrender of IRA

weapons as unrealistic and un-

Sir Patrick said after yester-

day's meeting that as far as the

government was concerned,

de-commissioning was the only

way of achieving the necessary

INBRIEF Water firms pledge to plug pipe leaks

Water companies vesterday committed themselves to "major investment" over the next 10 years to reduce water pipe leaks after intense public criticism of supply management during this

summer's heatwave. Nicholas Wood, chairman of the Water Services Associanon, which represents all the 10 water companies, promised that the industry would be giving a higher priority to leakage management." The move follows a call by Labour's environment spokesman, Frank Dobson, for government action over leaking water pipes.

■More than 1,000 customers are to take North West Water to court, claiming that contaminated water from a purifying plant on Merseyside made them ill. The company said it would be vigorously any allegation that sult of drinking water".

Baby snatched

Two men fled with a "very small amount of cash" after snatching a four-month-old haby girl in Sonth Shields, Tync and Wear, holding a knife to her throat and threatening to injure her unless her 29-year-old mother handed over her purse. Northumbria Police later arrested one man.

Blast victim dies

A teenager has died in hospital four days after she and three friends were injured in a house explosion while babysitting. Patricia Marie Dryden, 15, from Blyth, Northumberland, suffered 25 per cent burns in the hlast which is is thought to have occurred when butane gas from up to 10 lighter fuel canisters ignited in a bedroom.

Damage charge

Magistrates remanded Dennis Trimby, 50, of North End, Portsmouth, on bail on condition that he does not enter the premises of a local engineering company, when he appeared in court charged with criminal damage. Earlier, four lorries and a van were smasbed when £500,000 damage was caused at Vanguard engineering depot.

Hijack arrests

Suffolk Police are questioning three men arrested in connec-tion with the hijack of a lorry driver near Bury St Edmunds. The man was later dumped in a village in Cambridgeshire.

Wilde tribute

A stained glass window is to be unveiled in Dublin to mark the 141st anniversary of the birth of the writer Oscar Wilde, one of the city's most famous sons.

New moderator

The next moderator of the Free Rev John McIndoe, 61, a mirister in London. He was chosen as Moderator Designate at a meeting in Edinburgh and will take up his duties at the Gen-eral Assembly next May, Yes-terday we published a picture of the Rev Alex Murdo Macleod. the church's moderator in 1994, captioned as if he were the Rev Murdo Alex MacLeod, who was moderator until his death earlier this week. We apologise for the error.

A combative climber of the greasy pole

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has had a remarkable and relatively short political career, during which he has risen to one of the great offices of state, despite responsibility for a series of unpopular policies and legal setbacks.

He was elected to the Commons in 1983, and became a ly making a reputation for himself as a sure-footed parliamentary performer. A harrister, like Tony Blair, who entered Parliament at the same time, he soon found himself responsible for two of the most controversial policies of the third Thatcher term, the poll tax

and water privatisation. Professor David Butler, in his analysis of the poll tax, "Pailure in British Government", described him as: "a combative debater with a penchant for the sarcastic one-liner [who] owed his promotion to the Cahinet in 1990 to his skills at the despatch on the causes of crime". box in the Commons, exhibited to good effect in defending the two most unpopular measures of the 1987 Parliament."

Previously a party centrist, he also acquired a reputation as a Thatcherite right-winger. Once

Michael Howard has courted controversy in a short career. says John Rentoul

for Employment, he confirmed his status as a Euro-sceptic by pressing John Major not to Maastricht negotiations in 1991.

The Home Office turned out to be the plateau of his career, however. He was given the job after failing in a fierce behindthe-scenes struggle with Kenneth Clarke for the Chancellorship when Mr Major finally got round to sacking

Norman Lamont. As Home Secretary he was brought face to face with his former Department of Employment shadow, Mr Blair, who had just started using a snappy slugan proclaiming that Labour was "tough on crime and tough

ered that it was more than just n slogan, and found it impossible to fight back against an apponent whu was developing a startling programme which would soon take him to in Cahinet as Secretary of State the Labour Party leadership.

he want to the Rio Earth Summit avoided doing anything much in January 1995 Three firm escape from Parkhost - often ludge Shiphe furnim had warned Hopard Blood security tapes at the fat April 1995 Law Lords ruled that Howard had flouted the will of partiament to bring it a chapper compensation scheme for the

Michael Howard, master of escapes

At the 1993 Tory party con-ference, Mr Howard launched his 27-point plan for getting "tough on crime", but was soon bogged down in serious opposition from the judiciary and the House of Lords. To make mat-

ters worse, he suffered an unprecedented series of defeats in the courts, which repeatedly found that he had exceeded his powers or contravened Euro-

Minister's departure 'not linked to Lewis'

Government sources denied the resignation yesterday of the Home Office minister, Nicholas Baker, was connected with the sacking uf Derek Lewis with the inner ear. as head of the prison service, writes Colin Brown.

Mr Baker, 56, was the only

Office team, but he insisted his departure was due to an illness. said by friends to be problem "It isn't that serious. I have

been advised by docturs, if I want to get it right, to take an extended period of rest from

"I'm obeying doctors' orders reluctantly but sensibly I think." Mr Baker, MP for Dorset North with a majority of 10,080, will not be resigning his Com-mons seat. Mr Baker has been

an MP since 1979. He was only

made junior minister in 1994, af-

whip since 1989. He was re-sponsible for the immigration portfolio. That will be taken over by Tim Kirkhope, a junior whip, who will in turn be replaced by Richard Ottaway, the Parliamentary Private Secretary to Michael Heseltine, the

PC charged with murder

attainable.

Crime Correspondent

A police officer has for the first time been charged with murder for an offence allegedly com-

mitted while on duty, it was announced yesterday.
PC Patrick Hodgson, 48, a member of Scotland Yard's

firearms unit, was charged with murdering David Ewin, 38, a suspected car thief who was shot earlier this year in south-west London. The action, brought yesterday

by the Crown Prosecution Service following a police inquiry. In previous cases where on-duty officers have been charged in connection with a death, officers have faced trial for manslaughter. Officers are allowed to use "reasonable force" in carrying out their work.

The only police officers pre-viously to be charged for murder were for domestic offences unconnected with their police

The shooting allegedly hap-pened on 28 February when three officers in an armed response vehicle on patrol in the Barnes area spotted a high per-formance Toyota car, that had

been reportedly stolen.
In the incident that followed
Mr Ewin, nf Roehampton,
south-west London, was shot twice in the chest. He underwent emergency surgery for stomach wounds but died in hospital on 16 March.

The decision to prosecute was taken by the Crown Prosecution Service after the shooting was investigated by a team of de-tectives from the Metropolitan Police's complaints investigation hureau, led by Detective Superintendent Aidan Thorne and supervised by the Police Complaints Authority.

A report had been submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service in early July. As usual for an officer facing

charges, the Police Federation will provide Constable Hodgson with legal assistance.

PC Hodgson, who is single and based at Old Street, east London, was hailed to appear before Bow Street magistrates court on 28 November.

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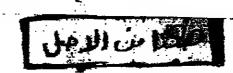


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Gummer plants seeds for a rural revival

Environment Correspondent

The area of England covered by forest should double in the next 50 years, from 7.5 per cent to 15 per ceot, according to the most dramatic and imaginative proposal in the Gov-ernmeot's White Paper on Rural England, published yes-terday after a year's preparation. John Gummer, Secretary of

State for the Environment, told the House of Commons that the document "sets out how the countryside can conremain a living working place". But the White Paper announced oo firm oew spending commitments, and said voluntary work by country dwellers had to be encouraged. By 2045, the Governme

wants the proportion of English countryside under trees to be equal to that in Scotland now. This would still be less than in Italy, France and Germany. It believes this will happen

with currentincentives "and the necessary future changes in the European Union's Common Agriculture Policy".

that further reform of the CAP at high prices to consumers. is the single most important way

The White Paper makes it is the single most important way in which the habitats and landscapes can be conserved and improved. That can only be done llectively, with the European Commission and the other EU member states, and it will probably take the rest of the 1990s.

Mr Gummer and the Secretary of State for Agriculture, Douglas Hogg, said they want-ed the CAP's subsidies for crop and livestock production to be sharply reduced. These are said to have encouraged environmentally-destructive farming at a high cost to taxpayers and

clear that some of this support should be switched to direct payments to farmers in return for them managing their land in a way which enhances wildlife and landscapes. "A substantial level of public funding ... would

be justified," it says. These direct payments al-ready exist on a small scale, but they are mostly concentrated on those countryside areas which are richest in habitats and traditional rural landscapes. The Government now wants any extra "green payments" to

farmers to apply throughout the countryside, including those rural areas most degraded by intensive modern agriculture, such as East Anglia - if the money can be found.

The White Paper does little to heal rural conflicts over housing. It upheld existing commitments to encourage the huilding of state-subsidised homes for people on low incomes. But these measures and existing funding allow only a few hundred low-rent or sharedownership housing association homes to be built each year. The velopment Commission esti-mated a need for 80,000 between 1990 and 1995. The White Paper does not

advocate moves to make it harder for affluent city-dwellers to buy second country homes or to commute from the country-side. While it backs balanced rural communities "it is oot for the Government to determine who should live where."

Labour's agriculture spokesman, Dr Gavin Strang, said: "Under the Conservatives, unemployment and crime have increased faster in our rural

homelessness has more than doubled and low pay is more prevalent than in our towns ... the Government has failed our rural communities."

Pressure groups representing both conservationists and developers felt the White Paper presented a good analysis of the major rural conflicts and threats but had done almost nothing to resolve them. Instead, it promises a mass of further consultation papers and reports.

The Country Landowners' Association, whose members include many wealthy farmers and estate owners, gave a

guarded welcome. "There are deregulation points, but we do wnoder wether they go far enough," said policy adviser Tony Bailey. The Council for the Protection of Rural England was worried about a proposal that farmland of middling qual-ity should be given less protection from development in areas where there was little low qual-

ity farmland. "It is the ordinary countryside which most people care about and which is getting it in the neck from development," said its director, Fiona Reynolds. Leading article, page 18

Earl Soham struggles to

Raymond Pearl has cycled to the corner shop for his bread each week since he moved to the small Suffolk village of Earl Soham 47 years ago. The 500-strong village was a very different place then: few cars rumbled through, most of the villagers bad lived there all their lives and it was easy to

reach nearby towns by bus. There are a lot of strangers in the village now and we don't know half of them," Mr Pearl,

Earl Soham illustrates the rural changes that yesterday's White Paper attempts to grapple with. It has been affected by the twin elements accused of blighting a centuries-old way of life: affluent incomers buying up property and making it harder for existing residents to afford a home, and the growth of outof-town supermarkets putting village shops in jeopardy.

The village has lost several stores, although it still has a gen-eral store, a post office, a doctors' surgery, a primary school, a vil-

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eral store. He is unusual among his contemporacies in that he has stayed in the village of his birth.

It's getting harder because. the supermarkets are out to destroy the small man," he said. "Most villagers support us because they like the personal touch. Some newcomers use us, some don't. I think they are all for it but we don't fit in with their life-styles. Supermarkets are open all hours.

One incomer, Jeremy Westcott, 39, a solicitor who moved from south-west Loodon to Dennington a few miles from Earl Scham, says he does his bit for the rural economy.

"I shop at the local store, have a chat with the local butcher and drink in the local pub at lunch times," he said.

Clare Garner asks residents of a small Suffolk village how life has changed

Public transport is one of Earl Soham's biggest problems. It has just one bus a week to Ipswich, the nearest big town, and only one stopping local service.

Of the government's recommendation that parish councils should be given more power over community transport, Norman Woodcock, chairman of the PC said: "In the past we have found that the actual take-up for carsharing schemes hasn't matched what was on offer. However, there is a definite need for a postoffice van facility to Framlingham, our nearest town.

Bruce Hinton, 53, has farmed in Earl Soham for more than 25 years and while he continues to care for 900 acres of arable land he has converted redundant agricultural buildings into busilage hall, a church and two pubs.
For the past two years James

ness premises for tenants as diverse as a solicitor, a journalist, Cook, 18, has worked in John a timber importer and a home-

> Mr Hinton attributes Earl Soham's survival as a rural community to the fact that it has both employment and affordable housing. Suffolk Heritage Housing Association has taken over 32 council homes, and has also built houses and a block of flats.

> If there is one thing that blights village life more than any other it is traffic. Huge lorries hurtle through and residents fear Earl Soham's main street, the A1120, will be turned into a major cross-country route.

> Eileen Barker, 82, paused from her gardening and leaned on her shears. "I've lived here for 37 years. It's a different life now, but it's still a good com-munity," she said. "The only thing is the traffic ... These huge lorries were never here before."



Local flavour: Earl Soham, still supplied by John Hutton's shop. Other survivors are the post office, doctors' surgery, primary school, village hall, church and two pubs Photograph: Diffon Bryden

Parish pump: life for the country dweller

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71 per cent have a village hall or community centre *87 per cent have a bus service; 29 per cent have a daily service and 36 per cent report a six-days-a-week service •2 per cent have a permanently staffed police station • 70 per cent have a pub ..

NICHOLAS SCHOON

Measures to help small businesses get planning permission for development in the countryside are proposed in the White Paper.

One proposal is to favour the conversion of old farm buildings into business premises rather than homes, most of which are bought by incoming town

dwellers. The Government proposes that local councils, which grant planning permission for the conversions, should have more freedom to prefer busi-oess over resideotial uses for disused barns and outhouses. A coosultatioo documeot will soon be issued.

Rural England, the great ma- covers a specified use of the site

jority of conversions are to housing - and that contributes to a suburban, "dormitory" countryside full of commuters or retired people.

Another proposal is to give local planners a new weapoo in their armoury of controls on development in the countryside -According to a survey by the rural business use. When plan-Council for the Protection of ning permission is granted, it

indefinitely. But councils are sometimes reluctant to grant planning permissioo for uses which they fear might intensify beyond what is appropriate for a rural location", says the White Paper. A new rural business category could allow them to set down conditions permanently preserving the area's character.

'Telegraph' delay on succession



Outsider: Andrew Neil may land editor-in-chief role

MARIANNE MACDONALD

Britain's highest selling broadsheet, the Daily Telegraph, re-mained rudderless last night as a fourth deadline for the appointment of a new editor passed without a decision.

Fleet Street had been steeling itself for puffs of white smoke to scep from the 12th floor of the Canary Wharf tower yesterday afternoon. But as the paper went to press, Con-rad Black, chairman of the Telegraph group, had failed to announce a replacement for Max Hastings, who resigned nearly three weeks ago.

Industry observers are interpreting the time it has tak-

en to fill the editor's chair as confirmatioo of the turmoil into which Mr Hastings's shock resignation has thrown Mr Black and his newspapers.

Sources close to the Telegraph confirmed last night that Andrew Neil, former editor of the Sunday Times, was offered the job by Mr Black after Mr Hastings quit. However, Mr Neil is understood to have insisted on continuing his Incrative radio and television activities.

Mr Black is believed to have then offered Mr Neil the role of editor-in-chief of both the Daily and Sunday Telegraph, allowing Mr Neil to carry on his outside work. Dominic Lawson, the editor of the Speciator,

would then have taken over the day-to-day running of the Dai-ly Telegraph. According to a well-placed

source, Mr Black "someone with an obsession in more than just the Catholic church and the Tory party". Observers will see ence to the candidacy of Charles Moore, the right-wing editor of the Sunday Telegraph.

Mr Moore, who is seen as the most obvious internal successor to Mr Hastings, told his staff yesterday morning that he un-derstood Mr Neil would not be made editor of the daily paper. Telegraph staff now expect a final decision by the end of the



favoured internal candidate

Upgraded results for 20,000 after 'too harsh' marking

BY FRAN ABRAMS Education Correspondent

Almost 20,000 pupils have had their marks from this year's national curriculum tests in Engish upgraded after complaints that they were treated too

harshly. Schools all over the country have been told their 14-year-old pupils did better than the orig-mal marks indicated. A total of 900 schools had complained about the tests, 440 of which had demanded that all pupils' papers should be remarked.

Last night the controversial tests, which were boycotted by

teachers for three years before the government appointed the exam boards to mark them, were the subject of a dispute over what went wrong.

Officials at the School Curthority, which oversaw the tests, stressed that with 2,500 examiners marking them for the first time this year there were bound to be bitches. The exam boards, meanwhile, hlamed mark schemes set by SCAA.

One in seven secondary schools had complained that their pupils' marks were wrong after receiving papers back for checking. One-fifth of the pa-

pers which were remarked were found to be wrong, leading to 3 per cent of the 640,000 pupils who took the tests in May receiving better grades. By com-parison, just 0.1 per cent of science and mathematics papers

had to be upgraded. Exam officials have written to schools and promised to make changes to prevent a repetition of the problem next year.

David Hawker, assistant chief executive of the SCAA, said: We are oot complacent about the situation, but I still do oot regard it as a fiasco. I regard it as a problem and we are doing what we can to sort it out."

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Showbusiness fraud: Six years for personal accountant who hived off musician's millions to fund disastrous investments



Bad company: The jailed accountant Keith Moore

Sting's adviser jailed for £6m theft from star

MARY BRAID

The showbusiness accountant Keith Moore was jailed for six years yesterday for stealing £6m from the rock superstar Sting.

Moore, 51, Sting's financial adviser for 15 years, lost £4.8m in a series of investments the star knew oothing about, including a chain of Indian restauconvert Russian military aircraft into passenger jumbos and the development of an ecologically friendly gearbox. The rest he used to twice stave off person-

Moore, whose clients also included Queen and Big Country, stood ramrod straight in the dock at Southwark Crown Court after a four-week trial and an overnight wait for the verdict. Judge Gerald Butler QC said he had deceived those who trusted him by siphoning off monev from Sting's accounts with

Scotland account Sting did not

Coutts, which Sting claimed oever had a mandate to allow Moore to withdraw the stolen millions, has since reimbursed £4.8m with interest.

Yesterday the Institute of Chartered Accountants said Moore had been "automatically" struck off in April last year after he became bankrupt and revealed that he had been disciplined three times between 1979 and 1986 for professional misconduct after clients odged complaints against him.

Yesterday, a spokesman for Sting said the star was "pleased it was all over" but refused to comment on whether he had been aware of the previous disciplinary action.

Ian Grant, Big Country's manager, said that dealing with Moore "became a complete nightmare". He had refused to

Coutts Bank into a Bank of hand over the band's records and accounts after it challenged his fees. "He tried to take a lot of the financial control out of my jurisdiction and set up a complicated tax structure with a web of companies, all of which generated huge fees for himself," said Mr Grant.

As Moore was taken down Santosh Banger, his girlfriend, collapsed sobbing. On Monday, before the jury

retired, the judge joked that even he had heard of Sting, who first rocketed to fame in the late 1970s with the band the Police. But he asked jurous to treat the star like anyone else.

But the alleged theft of £6m from Gordon Matthew Sumper, the working-class boy and former primary teacher who made it big time, was never go-ing to be ordinary. Before the jury was selected 30 prospective members were asked if they had ever been members of Sting or Police fan clubs. Sting might have been a little disappointed no one spoke up.
The fact that £6m went miss-

ing without the star coticing, until an anonymous tip-off, rather singled out the story. The court was told Sting was too husy touring and making records to realise the money was

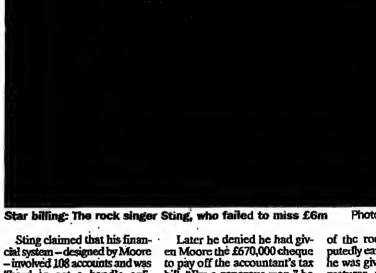
And from the seaweed milk shake that Moore claimed Sting offered him during a meeting at his Malibu home to the ease with which the star signed his name to a £690,000 cheque, there were constant reminders of lavish wealth and superstar status to ease the tedium of detailed accounts and complicated bank transfers. The appearance of Sting

drew the biggest andience. But there was little rock o roll about the star, in his businessman's grey suit, when he took the stand, looking ill at ease for a man who regularly performs before crowds of 100,000.

But the trappings were still there. In the public gallery he was watched by his entourage - complete with bodyguards sitting oear a wild-haired man who turned up most days, oc-casionally sporting a "Keith ing on his short career as a Moore is innocent" badge. Accountant's cut is the deepest

Following the trial of his ac-countant, Keith Moore, Sting

will probably be forever known



Photograph: Herbie Knott

Sting claimed that his finan-"hard to get a handle on". When he said he did not have the time to pore over the details of his finances, Moore's defence tried to make something of the star's A-level in economics and his previous employment with the Inland Revenue. "You can't have somebody at the Inland Revenue who is horrified by financial documents," said Nicholas Purnell QC, the defence counsel. There was laughter in court when Sting replied that might have had some bear-

bill. "I'm a generous man," he said. "But not that generous."

Sting insisted Moore had told him the cheque was for the star's own tax - since he had paid over £20m to the taxman he did not query the sum. He added that had Moore told him he needed the money to pay his own tax alarm bells would have rung. "If he couldn't do his own, how could he do mine," he said.

In court there was some evidence that Moore, middleaged and straight, had seen his position as a guarantee of a slice

of the rock'n'roll action. Reputedly earning £800,000 a year, he was given to his own lavish gestures. At Sting's 40th hirthday party he presented his client with a small token of his appreciatioo - a Jaguar XJS.

There were a couple of wonderful cameo roles. Trudie Styler, Sting's wife, pregnant with their fourth child, explained why she never as much as pecked at her hosband's nomerous bank statements.

When Sting had left his first wife, Ms Styler, a producer and documentary maker, said she was wounded by suggestions that she married him for his money

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as the superstar who was fleeced of fom and was too rich to notice. Such an oversight - even over a period of four years - as-tounds the man in the street. business side of rock and roll are as shocked by the story. While one leading music industry accountant said he was "quite frankly flabbergasted" that Sting and his other close advisers - his manager, Miles Copeland, and lawyer, Christo-pher Burley - failed to spot the huge fraud, others in the industry barely raised an eyebrow.

"This could happen remarkably easily," said Ed Bicknell, manager of the similarly rich and successful rock group Dire Straits. "It doesn't surprise me at all. What does surprise me is that it doesn't happen more often.

Just how often it does happen is difficult to gauge. Scan-dals do occasionally blow up. Last December, operations were suspended for two weeks Keeping tabs on the millions can be hard for a rock megastar. Mary Braid reports

countancy firm, after John launched into the showbusi-Goldring, a partner, resigned following "apparent fuancial ir-regularities" believed to in-volve £2m. The rock star Robert But not all those involved in the Palmer was among the clients who were reported to have lost

Six months earlier, an investigation - still ongoing - was



Robert Palmer: Another

ness accountants Stainton Shafto, reportedly involving £6m belonging to Rick Wright of Pink Floyd. But often clients and accountancy companies are both

keen to husb things up, particularly if the money is fully re-covered and criminality looks hard to prove - and it often is. The Metropolitan Police were delighted yesterday by the suc-

cess of an "extremely complex" and protracted" inquiry that involved a team of forensic accountants and litigation solicitors sifting through 17 years of financial records. Mr Bicknell said the four-

week trial gave a rare insight into the complexity of music industry finance and the burdens it places on artists who have pre-viously had little interest or experience of business, and are too busy making money and touring to develop expertise.

In court Sting described how, almost overnight, he went from £16-a-week benefit to head a

multi-million-pound multina-tional corporation. He said that he had 47 different accounts relating to his solo career and 108 in total. His annual earnings have been estimated at £7m.

Mr Bicknell described how, as stars perform live across the globe for months on end, money pours in from record and publishing royalties and ticket sales and merchandising, often long after it was earned. It floods out again in taxes and huge touring costs.

The situation is very fluid,

he insisted. "When artists say they don't know what they are worth they are telling the truth." But a music industry accountant was dissatisfied with the analysis. "I'm surprised Sting isn't more sophisticated af-

ter all these years," he said.
"You might not notice the odd
£100,000 going missing but this is a huge sum even over four years. Where were his lawyer and manager? They usually work very closely with the accountant and the artist.
"I can't understand why he

had so many accounts or why he

appears to have had such a poor handle on his affairs."

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Maxwell's son 'in plot over firing of ex-minister' JOHN WILLCOCK The Maxwell Trial Financial Correspondent Kevin Maxwell revealed in court yesterday that the former Tory Cabinet minister, Peter company. Lord Walker wrote a letter to Walker, was about to succeed his father as chairman of Maxwell Communications Corporation (MCC) when the late tycoon sacked him on a whim, Day 79 forcing Kevin tn concoct a cov-

er story. Kevin asked Mr Walker, now Lord Walker, to help him hatch a plot to fool the nutside world into believing that be had resigned, rather than been sacked by Robert Maxwell, because of concerns over the way it would be viewed in the City, the jury at the Old Bailey was told.

Lord Walker left MCC in September 1991 after six months' work as nnn-executive director with a £150,000 pay-off and a Mercedes car.

Kevin, Rohert Maxwell's youngest son, revealed in his second day of giving evidence in the 19-week-old trial that his father was "an investment manager of one".

The media magnate bought and sold shares and moved assets between his public and private companies and pension funds without reference to any-

one else, the court heard. But fellow directors, trustees and auditors did not object to this because he was so successful in pulling off deals which were of financial benefit to the funds and other companies.

Kevin said the appointment of Lord Walker came about when plans to float Mirror Group Newspapers were raised.

A stockbroker, Sir Michael Richardson, theo chairman of stockbrokers Smith New Court, advised Robert Maxwell it would be better if the City and the public saw him concentrating on his newspaper interests. A new chairman would be

needed for MCC and Lord Walker was appointed a non-exwith a view to taking the chair-

Kevin said: "My father called .

me to his office and said he quite simply had changed his mind and was not going to continue with the appointment of Peter Walker.

"He said he had reflected on his decision, that he had been rash and that he had not prop-erly considered. He said he was damned if he handed over the stewardship of the company to an outsider who had not contributed to its growth and had no publishing background.
"I realised that this would have a substantial impact on the

public impression of MCC." He described how he sought Sir Michael's advice on how to deal with his father's change of mind. The stockbroker told Kevin there would have to be a peg for public consumption of the move so it was not seen as a "mercurial decision by my fa-

The Maxwells met Lord Walker and agreed that he



whim by Robert Maxwell

directorship and announce that he was no longer to become chairman because he regarded MCC as a largely American

Kevin in which he stated that he believed that as 90 per cent of MCC's profits were generated in America by companies such as publishers Macmillan and guage book specialist Berlitz, the American side of the operation should be demerged and run from the United States. Lord Walker wrote that the

residue of MCC would be too small to interest him and that he had no intention of living in the US. This was the reason be did not wish to become chairman of MCC, the court heard. Kevin told the court "The

letter provided the peg, but the letter does not reflect the reality that he was basically fired." Alun Jones QC, Kevin's counsel, asked him what view the Maxwell pension fund trustees took of the tycoon's handling of pension assets.

One pension fund trustee indicated to an auditor they were aware the publisher was using fund assets for his own businesses, but added: "If a horse is winning, you don't hreak its leg. Kevin said his father's prac-

tice of taking decisions on his own was "seen as normal". Mr Jones asked him: "Did anybody, whether solicitors, auditors, compliance officers or non-executive directors, ever suggest to you that you had a conflict of interest between your duties as a director of pub-

lic companies, pension funds

and private side companies?"

Kevin replied: "No." Kevin denies conspiring with his father to defraod using 5.4 million shares in the Scitex Corporation, an Israeli company. Kevin, his brother Ian and a former Maxwell executive, Larry Trachtenberg, all deny million shares in another Israeli



Heert of oak: National Trust warden Paul Camp enjoying the sights and sounds of Horner Wood, west Somerset, which was yesterday declared a National Nature Reserve. The wood contains some of Britain's finest ancient oaks end is home to a large herd of red deer Photograph: Marc Hill

Triad gangs recruiting in schools

JOHN MCKIF and JASON BENNETTO

A police inquiry is being set up after a growing number of reports that Chinese "Iriad" gangsters are infiltrating schools to recruit new members.

The problem has been identified in a number of schools in south London, Police have evidence that the Triads have been successful in drawing in at least two dozen teenagers into crime. They are also investieating reports from children that dozens more have joined up with the Triads and some have extorted money from fellow

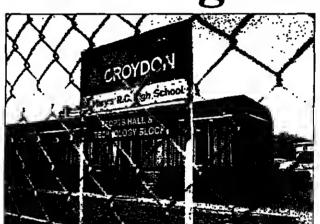
The Metropolitan force's Chinese intelligence unit, which was alerted to the problem several months ago, will today hold a meeting with police yooth and community officers to discuss societies based in Britain may The trial continues today.

groups in Hong Kong, where schools are considered one of the key areas for recruitment.

The Scotland Yard unit has found that 20 members of a gang in Croydon, south London. aged from 13 to 15, were recruited by Triads through Chinese youngsters. The teenagers, both black and white, have been filmed in central London's Chinatown.

Some children have reported that the recruitment has stretched much further and pupils at south Loodon schools in Lambeth, Lewisham and Croydon are involved.

Head teachers in Croydon are to discuss the issue at their monthly meeting. Bill Whit-marsh, head of St Mary's Roman Catholie school in west Croydon, said: "Evidence of gang existence at a low level was noticed in this school four concerned that the four Triad taken over a dozen boys, their parents were informed and be copying tactics used by pupils were warned to let their yesterday were reluctant to



St Mary's school, Croydon: 'Action over a dozen boys'

they had any information. Since then there has been no evidence of activity in this school.

The police say that the numthe whole of the horough."

parents and teachers know if comment but one 12-year-old said: "There have been quite a lot of fights, as many as three a week. I have a friend that gets beaten up and he's frightened." class got heaten up hut he

There are an estimated 200 hardcore Triad members in Britain whn are involved in crimes such as extorting, gambling, vice, counterfeiting and illegal immigration. They operate in Chinese communities, particularly in Manchester. Glasgow and London.

Detective Inspector Andrew Rennison, head of Scotland Yard's Chinese intelligence unit, said: "The pattern in Hong Kong is that youngsters get sucked into Triad societies. They get them involved in an apparently harmless youth organisation but they gradually take part in crime which can later be used to blackmail them."

He said the group believed to be responsible for the activity in Croydon are the Wo Shing Wo society, based in London's Chinatown. Mr Rennisoo said their influence has dropped recentcruiting and using teenagers Pupils outside the school doesn't like speaking about it could be a tactic they are now

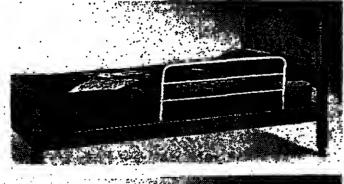
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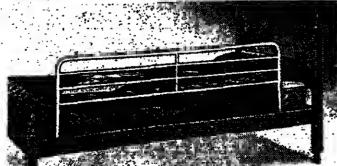
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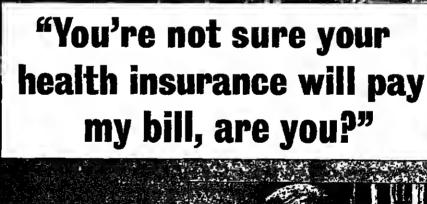
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Youngsters on the streets: Charity urges change of approach as police report rise in number prosecuted and cautioned for soliciting

Child prostitutes 'in need of protection'

GLENDA COOPER

Child prostitules should be protected rather than prosecuted, a Church of England charity

said yesterday. The Children's Society said the number of girls involved was steadily increasing and it urged police and social services to do more to help them. Launching its report, The Game's Up: Re-

under 18 for offences relating to prostitution. In the same pe-

riod, 1,800 cautions were issued. The number of cautions issued to girls between the ages of 10 and 16 went up by 50 per cent, and convictions for this age group increased by 10 per cent. The problem is concentrated in defining Child Prostitution, the four areas - London, Greater has conducted a police survey

Manchester, West Midlands which reveals that "alarming" and West Yorkshire - which ac- and "wildly disproportionate" and 1993 nearly 1,500 convic- and West Yorkshire - which actions were secured against those count for 70 per cent of cautions and 75 per cent of convictions.

The problem is not restricted to older teenagers. One 10year-old girl received a caution, four convictions were secured against 12-year-old girls and two against 14-year-old boys.

The Channel 4 programme

cases have involved children in numbers of child prostitutes are David Harris, a community from care homes. Between half

and three-quarters of prostitutes

under 18 come from homes, de-

soite the fact that only I per cent

In Bradford, where 74 juve-

niles have been arrested in the

past 18 months and a further 50

of all children are in care.

worker in Manchester, told the programme: "The majority of young people we meet working the streets come from a care background. They have been exploited, they have been abused. They are not used to operating in an environment where their have been cautioned, police voice is heard, where they are estimate that 75 per cent of the cared for and nurtured."

prostitution was often a "survival strategy" for such children, and that police and social ser-vices must do more. These children need the system to project them not prosecute them."

Under the 1989 Children Act, police and social services have a duty to protect those under 18 from "significant harm" and investigate those who sex- amended so that no one under

the Children's Society, said However, research shows that most social services departments' child protection procedures do not specifically include those involved in prostitution. Young people picked up by the police are often cautioned or convicted instead of being dealt

with by child protection officers. The society wants the Street Offences Act of 1959 to be

Bill Hendley, children and families spokesman for the Association of Directors of Social Services, said, however, that he believed the law as it stood offered sufficient protection. "Any relaxation might drive child prostitution further from the norice, care and protection of the public authorities," he warned.

From crack addiction to waiting for dirty old men

GLENDA COOPER

"Lisa was such a vulnerable child. She was so easily led. If someone said they'd give her £20 for doing something she'd do it." Lisa's mother had had her suspicions for some time that her 14-year-old daughter was involved in drugs and pros-You can't lock a 14-year-old in the house.

Her daughter explains how she got caught up: "When I used to do draw [marijuana] with my boyfriend, he'd lace it with do anything to get it. He gave me a couple of shots free hut then he said I had to earn it.'

"I went out robbing first hut to go on the game hut I was scared of him. He'd beat me up and put me in hospital. And I was only bothered about the

Lisa used to stand on the corner waiting for "dirty old men". Her self-esteem plummeted: "I lost weight and didn't really care about my appearance. Be- family knowing about Lisa and

CASE STUDY fore that every hair on my head

had to be perfect." Her mother meanwhile was "tearing [her] hair out". "When my friend told me she saw Lisa

getting in cars I didn't want to believe it. I wanted to close my ears." She asked social services "to lock her daughter up for her own safety" but to begin with they refused to listen. Social services said 'have you got proof?". I said, 'do you

want me to get in the car with

her?"." Lisa's mother estimates crack and I got so addicted I'd it took two months before she persuaded social services of the "moral danger" her daughter was in. But that was not the end. Lisa that got difficult. I didn't want ran into trouble at the home she was placed in, including a severe beating at the hands of three girls who found out about her

past: "They dragged me out of hed by my hair and started shouting 'slag'," she said. Social services wanted her to go to another member of her family: "But I didn't want all the

her past," said her mother.
"You're close to some people but not to others." She ended up at home, ter-

rified her ex-boyfriend would find her and beat her up again. Her mother has nothing but contempt for the way the police handled the assault on Lisa: The police wouldn't take the assault on Lisa seriously; they tried to say it was just a hitchy argument. They saw her as a

But then she is not surprised: "You can see from our window all the girls and the pimps and drug dealers. You can tell some of the girls don't want to be there and the police aren't there to help them. It's hearthreaking, they look as young as 10. And the police just go past them with a loud hailer saying 'clear it up girls'."

Lisa, now treated by a counsellor, agrees: "I see the pimps now and think, how can they do that?'. And then I look at the girls and think, 'did I look like that?'. And I know I did but my mum never gave up on me. Not everyone's that lucky."



Reunited: Lisa, a 14-year-old who spent two months in child prostitution, and her mother in Birmingham

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Truancy 'six times worse than official figures show'

Around 800,000 children play 'cation welfare officers' casetruant each year six times the loads: "This is a neglected Government's official figure, scandal with shocking implicaaccording to a survey released

Of these, 30,000 hardly go to school at all, says the trade enument figures which give truunion Unison, whose members ancy as a percentage of half-include education welfare offi-days lost through unauthorised cers. These children spend their days on the streets and are likely to turn to petty crime, drugs and alcohol. They are also in

danger of sex abuse. Truancy figures compiled by the Government are due to be released next month. Last year they showed that 130,000 children played truant.

tional officer, said the figures had been compiled from edutions for schools and the indi-

viduals concerned," he said. The union suggests that govdays lost through unauthorised absence are "falsely reassuring".

Schools are under pressure to reduce their figures because they want to avoid bad publicity in league tables. They tend to mark children's absence as authorised at first. Those who are absent for more than four weeks may be taken off the reg-

ister and persistent truants may

John Findlay, Unison's na- be expelled. Some children may welfare officers, a reduction of be marked up as present at registration, but truant later in Even on the Government's

figures, Mr Findlay, said, 20 mil-

lion half-days a year are being lost through truancy. Truants are also getting younger. Although most truants are between 13 and 15, growing numbers of primary school chil-

dren are playing truant including some as young as six.
Rosanna O'Connor, of the once a child is outside the ordinary range of activities they are more likely to turn to drugs

There are 2,600 educational

or petty crime."

300 in the last four years despite -a £14m initiative to tackle truancy announced by John Patten, the former Secretary of State for Education, in 1993. Each officer has a caseload of 300 children. The union wants their

number doubled. A spokesman for the Department for Education and Employment said it was up to local authorities to decide what priority they gave to truancy and how many education welfare drugs charity Turning Point, officers they employed. The said: "Our experience is that Government had provided support for education welfare officers' posts and schemes to tackle truancy. "We extrapolate our truancy figures in a different way," he said.

Catholic 'faced | Divorce reform discrimination' given go-ahead

DAVID MCKITTRICK Ireland Correspondent

A Catholic woman's attempt to make inroads into the Ulster Unionist party has ended in controversy, with a formal charge that the party discriminated against her on religious grounds.

Patricia Camphell, who worked for several months as a Commons research assistant to former Ulster Unionist leader, James Molyneaux, has filed a religious discrimination complaint with the Fair Employment Trihunal. Ms Campbell is a Catholic from North Antrin.

She claimed she was unfairy treated in not being short-listed for the post of party public relations officer. Ms Campbell, 30, an Oxford graduate who works in market research, yesterday described herself as a passionate Unionist.

· She said: "I have stuck my neck out by becoming the first Catholic of my generation to be-come involved in the Ulster Unionist Party. Look at how my pioneering courage has been repaid. So much for the

Catholic advancement in the

party."
The UUP general secretary Jim Wilson responded: "I am aware that Ms Campbell has made a complaint, but as correspondence is being exchanged between my office and the party soficitors it would be unwise

to comment further." Although there is no ban on Catholics joining the party. Catholic members are extremely rare. The party has close connections with the Orange Order, and occasional re-marks by its leading members have offended Catholics.

But although Catholic membership of the party tends towards zero, there is evidence that many Catholics see economic and other advantages in the maintenance of the union. Ms Campbell filed her dis-

crimination suit some months ago. When David Trimble succeeded Mr Molyneaux as party lesder a mouth ago she wrote an open letter to him in the Belfast Telegraph, calling on him to sponsor a new organisation to be known as Catholics for the Union. She claims Mr claim that there is no bar to Trimble has totally ignored her. to attend a compulsory infor-set the Child Support Agency.

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

The most radical shake-up of the divorce laws for a quarter of a century will get under way after next month's Queen's Speech, contrary to rumours circulating at Westminster that it could be delayed or blocked.

The plans by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, to scrap fault-based divorces and encourage couples to solve differences outside court got the go-ahead at the most recent ministerial committee on Queen's Speeches and future legislation - the last such meeting before the Queen opens the new parliamentary session on 15 November.

Under White Paper propos-als set out by Lord Mackay in April, the "quickie" divorce for unreasonable behaviour or adultery would be swept away and replaced with a decree after a 12-month cooling-off period in which couples would have to agree arrangements for finances and the care of children. At the start of the process, the person

mation session to have the op-tions of mediation, marriage guidance and legal advice ex-

plained by a panel of experts. The concept of mediation to help couples reach compromises and avoid hitter and costly court battles is a key plank of the Lord Chancellor's proposals. He also believes the over-all philosophy of the package. forcing couples to confront their differences, would be less damaging to children and could even save a few marriages.

But hostile commentaries in Tory-sympathising newspapers have suggested divorce would be made too easy.

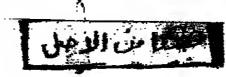
The Law Society, the solicitors' professional body, is also against making the information session compulsory and said last month that the proposals would "invade the privacy of those

whose marriages break down". The Bill is expected to be one of the earliest to be published, but the legislation would be implemented only after a lengthy piloting period to test out local information and mediation schemes, in an attempt to avoid seeking the divorce would have a re-run of the problems that be-

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Blueprint for Scottish parliament unveiled

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

The final shape of the Scottish parliament Lahour is pledged to introduce was unveiled yesterday after six years of cross-party deliberation.

The hlueprint, recommended by the Scottish Constitutional Convention's executive committee and expected to be endorsed by the full convention oo Friday, would give the new legslature wide powers over a range of domestic affairs. including education, training. health, local government, home and legal affairs and industry.

Speaking at a joint press conference with Jim Wallace. leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, George Rohert-son, Labour's spokesman on Scottish affairs, declared that the parliament would make a huge difference to the lives of ordinary Scots ... [it] will bring democracy back to Scotland.".

The convention includes renresentatives from Lahour, the Liberal Democrats, the churches and the trade unions, but has been boycotted throughout by the Scottish National Party and the Conservatives.

The 129-member parliament would be elected by proportional representation with an electoral agreement to ensure equal representation of men Mr Wallace, whose party is

voting system for the Commons, said: "The parliament is to be fairly elected, so that no single party or region will be able to dominate. The Tories and the SNP at-

committed to reforming the

reasons. Michael Forsyth, Secretary of State for Scotland, said it was dangerous, irresponsible and would encourage separausm. The SNP, which wants an independent Scotland, called it a constitutional mouse which a future Westminster government could abolish with the

stroke of a legislative pen. It is not possible to express-ly guarantee the continued existence of the parliament because the UK has no written constitution. Yesterday's hlueprint seeks to secure the parliament's existence and powers through a declaration of the UK Parliament before the debate on the Bill setting it up.
The parliament would be

Scotland's first since the early 1700s and would have the power to vary income tax by 3p in the pound. The money would be remitted to the Treasury and Scotland would continue to receive a block grant oegotiated each year in the public spending round.

The parliament would have a chief minister, who would allocate ministerial portfolios.

In elections, Scottish voters would have two votes - a firstpast-the-post vote for 73 constituency MPs and a second vote to select 56 additional members by party to help ensure that the final make-up of the parliament reflected parties' share of the

Parliaments would sit for four-year fixed terms and members could not sit as Westminster or Euro-MPs or councillors.

The main areas left to Westminster would be defence, foreign affairs, immigration, social security and central economic tacked the plan, for different and tax policy.



Cherie takes up domestic violence brief

Political Correspondent

Cherie Booth, the lawyer and wife of Tony Blair, made her first overt move into party politics since her husband's election as Labour leader when she hacked a Labour campaign to "eliminate" violence against

women yesterday. Supporting Clare Short, Labour's spokeswoman on women's issues, at the launch of a consultation document, Peace at Home, she described domestic and sexual violence against women as "an issue which our society prefers to forget". The campaign was also backed by Sandra Maitland,

Mandy Jordache in the televiion serial, Brookside.

Ms Booth, who was a Labour candidate in 1983, has until now stayed out of public speaking roles. But she has taken up a series of causes in which she has a direct interest as a lawyer, thus avoiding the charge sometimes made of Glenys Kinnock - that she is using her status as the Labour leader's

wife to pursue her own agenda. Ms Booth first came face to face with the victims of domestic violence when she started as a 22-year-old barrister, dealing primarily with family law. "I had no idea of the terrible things that go on behind closed doors.

and so is their principal moti-

vation of class envy ... the par-

who played hattered wife At first I couldn't understand why my clients put up with violence, but the reality is that for many women with children and no money, they have nowhere to go," she said yesterday.

Ms Booth has since moved on to different areas of law, such as judicial review and local council work, but over the past year she has renewed her interest, becoming a trustee of Refuge, the battered women's hostels charity.

Soon after becoming a QC in April, Ms Booth stepped up her campaign for women's rights, launching advertising for Refuge and urging police-women to fight discrimination by suing chief constables.

"Taking a police force to court takes a lot of guts and needs a lot of support. But we must set the limits of what is acceptable behaviour from male colleagues," she said.

At the Labour Party conference earlier this month, she also spoke at a fringe meeting or-ganised by the NSPCC to demand tougher laws against "child sex tourism". She also stepped into Mr Blair's place to speak to a meeting of his Sedgefield Labour Party at last year's Labour conference, but only because he was late.

Last year she led a workshop on new technology at the centenary conference of the Bar Council. She led the moderni-

sation of her barristers' chambers, hiring a practice manager to supplement the ancient system of barristers' clerks and setting up computers. She began working from home in the late 1980s and was responsible for putting her husband on the Internet.

Ms Short, who hopes to be elected to the Shadow Cabinet today, acknowledged Labour sensitivities about the leader's wife taking a higher profile, say-ing: "I'm going to be hrutally protective of Cherie, and any estions that are out of order

I'm going to rule out of order." Ms Booth's reply to whether she would return to a career in politics was a firm "No".

Soames outlines new cuts for MoD

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Further defence cuts are to be made, in spite of a pledge by the Prime Minister that hig cuts in defence are over, it was confirmed yesterday by Nicholas Soames, the Minister of State for the Armed Forces.

His remarks in the defence debate in the Commons will fuel speculation that Michael Portillo, the Secretary of State for Defence, has agreed to a substantial cut in the defeoce budget as part of the annual review of public spending, to make way for tax cuts by the Chancellor.

"Not only have we not gone too far, but there have been and will be further cuts and attempts to keep down the cost of the way in which we do our business," Mr Soames said dur-

ing the two-day debate.

He was challenged about the cuts by Keith Mans, a Tory MP and former Vulcan bomber pilot. Conservative MPs are privately alarmed that the Thatcherite Mr Portillo. a former chief secretary to the Treasury in charge of public spending cuts, could have con-ceded large-scale savings in support services' expenditure.

Mr Soames refused to be drawn on the extent of the cuts, hut he assured Tory MPs it would not mean cutting the front line, or Britain's defensive capability. He said: "It is quite plain what I meant. I said the Ministry of Defence is a very large organisation and cannot be complacent." Costs would have to be "ruthlessly" pruned to preserve the integrity of the armed forces, he said.

Mr Soames announced that savings of £2m would he achieved by moving the Commando Logistics Regiment and the Command Squadron of the Royal Engineers to Chiveoor. Amphibious vesseis are to be concentrated in Plymouth Devonport. A huy-out of the Rosyth naval base in Scotland by the Rosyth 2000 Ltd consortium was also announced.

Tories refuse lessons on education policy

The key election issue of education came up in departmental questions yesterday, but as luck would have it, the Government only had relative failure to announce. It was left to Rohin Squire, a junior surprise that just three Tory councils, all of them in London, will pilot the nursery voucher

In spite of considerable be-hind-the-scenes arm-twisting, only Westminster, Wandsworth and Kensington and Chelsea have agreed to test out the scheme allowing parents of four-year-olds to redeem vouchers worth £1,100 at the nursery of their choice. Al-though Mr Squire said he hoped to add to the list, the announcement was a far cry from the longer and regionally spread list originally envisaged. Peter Kilfoyle, a Labour education spokesman, emphasised.

James Pawsey, Tory MP for Rugby and Kenilworth, then had Lahour MPs beckooing him across the floor as he urged Gillian Shephard, Secretary of

■ Government reveals councils to pilot nursery voucher scheme Major defends Portillo over anti-Europe speech

ployment, to badger the Cabinet to properly fund teachers' cation reforms have done much to improve the quality and standards of state education. Would

Inside

Parliament Patricia Wynn Davies she, however, agree that an in-

crease in class sizes may in fact put those reforms in jeopardy?" he asked. Mr Pawsey was "an inspiration and a support as al-ways" at a time of "vigorous" debate at this point in the year, Mrs Shephard replied.

That was the extent to which Conservatives were prepared to

State for Education and Em- stick their head above the para- tently opposed everything the

everything. David Blunkett, Labour's education spokesman, was waiting

to take aim at Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minis-ter, sitting close by. "Would the Secretary of State agree with me that when the Deputy Prime Minister last week said that it was necessary to allow 60,000 children to escape, as be put it, from the inadequacy of innercity education, he was giving the higgest indictment possible of 16 years of Conservative government. If there's £220m availahle, it should go in lowering class sizes for one and a half mil-lion children in infant school or 7 million children in our state system and not simply allowing

pet, however, as speaker after Government had tried to do to speaker agreed with Mrs Shep- raise standards. "That is well

> ty opposite is the enemy of ater, at Prime Minister's Questions, John Major took his first opportunity to take a dig at Labour defector Alan Howarth, who yesterday sat next to Greville Janner, the MP for Leicester West who with foresight once urged Mr Howarth to cross the floor during a debate on economic and social policy.

Boh Dunn, the Conserva-tive MP for Dartford, had urged Mr Major to compare Conservative policies of "maximising parental choice" with Labour's 60,000 to escape from Tory inplans to "destroy CTCs, destroy competence."

Mrs Shephard retorted that members opposite had consisstroy the grant-maintained ovote elsewhere, then say so."

schools in the interests of equality, justice and social engineer-

Mr Major replied: "What we seek is excellence in education and choice in education for all parents ... I regret very much that the Opposition oppose the assisted places scheme - except perhaps for the honourable gentleman for Strat-ford-upon-Avon."

But there was a strong prime ministerial backing for Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, after last week's anti-European speech.

Replying to Menzies Camp-bell, Liberal Democrat foreign affairs and defence spokesman,
Mr Majnr insisted: "Michael
Portillo was expressing the fears
of many people, not just in the
United Kingdom but right across Europe about the more amhitious, federalist plans for the future of the European

"If you are saying it is the pol-icy of your party that the British

Ashdown rejects abolition of GM and public schools

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal his face against abolishing public and grant-maintained schools in favour of new partnerships between the private and public sectors and a drive to raise the standards of all

schools to the highest level. . Grant-maintained schools would retain grant maintainedstyle autonomy, but under a "light touch" strategic framework drawn up by local education au-thorities, Mr Ashdown said. The authorities' primary role would be to ensure equality of access to quality education for all.

Like Labour, the Liberal Democrats plan to phase out the assisted places scheme, but unlike Labour, not completely. They are consulting on proposals that could help state-educated children through a new private-public partnership.
Mr Ashdown said that could



Ashdown: 'Light touch' plan

include local education authorities buying "units" of education in the private sector, and agreements to share facil-ities. "In this way, that huge edncation resource of very high quality would be used to the benefit of a much wider group of the nation's children."

Don Foster, the party's edu-Cheshire, where all the places revolution.

bad been been bought up by the local education authority.

A major difference in attitude is that while under Labour parents would have the right to ballot on their school's admissions policy, under the Liberal Democrats the local education authority would take the decision.

In a speech to the Institute of Education yesterday, Mr Ashdown outlined a six-pronged programme to raise standards. There should be maximum autonomy for all schools and incentives for more community use of school facilities, he said.

There should also be: more parental involvement. with parent-teacher contracts: a General Teaching Council to set and safeguard standards; post-14 reform to end vocational/academic split;

improved school inspections cation spokesman, cited Sand-hach Grammar School in a computer-led technological





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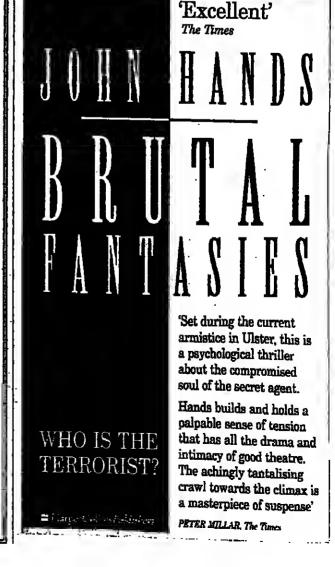
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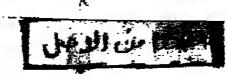
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in the 1996 edition of Trivial Pursuit. The edition also includes 1,500 other new questions based on news events of the last 12 months. And some of the celebrities

who inspired the new onestions by being memorably trivial were at a launch party for the new edition at the London Pal-

ladium yesterday. There was 80-year-old Nor-man Wisdom who became big in Albania. There was Rick Mayall, commemorated for the night he must have wished he was in Albania, when he got so fed up with the Stephen Pry controversy that after one performance of the show from which his partner had disappeared, he fired a toy gun in Covent Gar-

den and got arrested.

He said yesterday he did not mind this incident being recorded for posterity in Trivial Pur-

David Lister reports on the launch party for the new edition of a family favourite

Yorick in Hamlet.

used as a hair restorer in north-

pop promoter and scriptwriter

for Spitting Image, sought out the inventors of Trivial Pursuit

when they were on holiday in Devon and offered his services.

He has been writing the

British questions for the last 11

years, and with his 11-year-old son Arron and nine-year-old daughter Alicia also writes the

junior version of the game. "I read every paper every day," he said. "I have to think

is this something people can re-

member in five years' time?'.

backfired. I was just trying to be funny and it didn't work and I said sorry.

"The police were right to ar-rest me. I could have been a madman with a real gun, though I fact I was just a mad-

man with a toy gun."

He added that he had still not heard from Stephen Fry who walked out of the play Cellmans in February.

Mayall said he had read that the BBC might be making a film about the whole story, and he would consider playing himself.
If not, he wanted Mel Gibson or Mel Brookes or anyone else

called Mel to play him.
Other deeply trivial figures at
the launch included Neil Rilet,
who was banned from swinging a dead chicken at Manchester City games every time his team scored a goal - something that would not be a problem this sea-

son with City's lack of goals. There was also Jonathan Hartman, who pledged to donate his skull to the Royal his death so that he could play

with friends they don't want to be made to look stupid." His most recent question comes from the OJ Simpson trial. "From the trivial point of view, it was a gift. I read that the The man who actually spends judge's wife was the inspiration every day of his life seeking out such sociological insights as the fact that Marmite is now for Cagney of Cagney and Lacey.
"Forget the rest of the trial.

That was the one for me." ern England, is 51-year-old Brian Highley, a former school-teacher from Devon. Mr Highley, who has also been a local newspaper editor. Trivial Pursuit has not recaptured the phenomenal appeal it had after its launch in the mid-Eighties when it sold 1 million a year for its first two

> But, by launching an annual update of questions four years ago, the makers have renewed its appeal and it now sells 150,000 a year with 70 per cent of sales around Christmas.

The Queen apparently still plays it, and the majority of sales are to ABC1s, according to research by Parker Games, the distributors.

It remains a staple at dedicated board games clubs, and for families on Christmas Day.

And has it got humour in it? I don't try to catch people out because when they are playing the

Black jobless rate double that of whites

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

A "frightening" and growing level of racial discrimination is revealed in the latest official survey of the labour market, the Trades Union Congress says in a new report.

ethnic minority workers is douthan half of Afro-Caribbean men between the ages of 16 and data shows. The figures also reveal that over the last decade the gap between black and white has grown, the TUC points out.

The "shocking" picture of British society emerges ahead of new unemployment figures today which the TUC expects to show little significant improvement in the prospects of the jobless of whatever colour. The report also comes in the wake of the black solidarity march in Washington on Monday by hundreds of thousands of African-American men and a rally held in sympathy at the Broadwater Farm Estate in

Tottenham, north London. Published in advance of the union movement's "Unite Against Racism" demonstration in Manchester on Saturday, the report shows that Afro-Caribbeans are far more likely to be long-term unemployed than their white counterparts.

John Monks, general secre-tary of the TUC, said that the discrimination against black workers (defined as members of all ethnic minorities) amounted to "a scandal" and that British industry urgently needed to examine its recruitment and promotion policies.

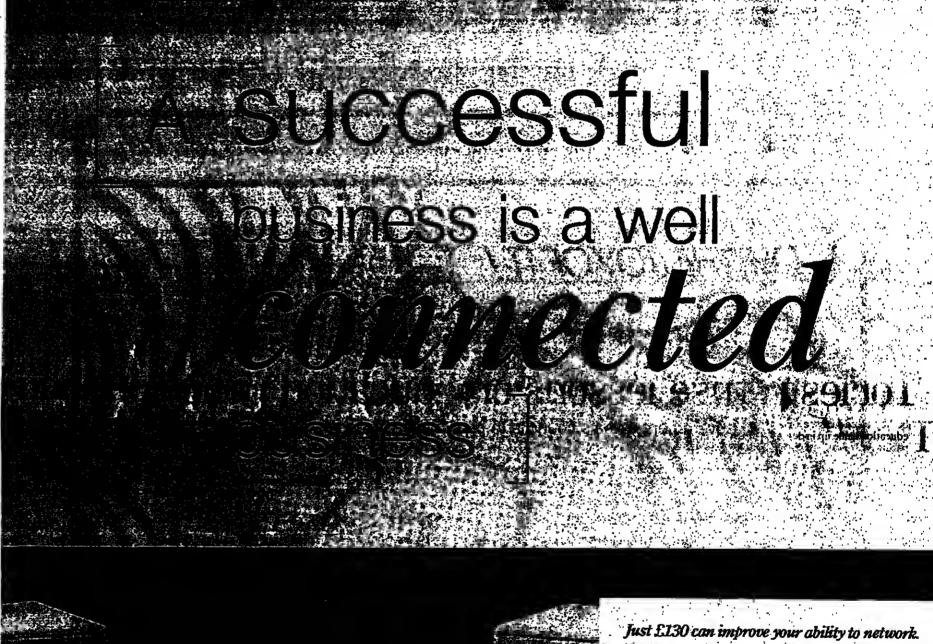
trayed, says a lack of qualifications among black workers offers only a partial explanation for their plight. Unemployment among highly qualified black people had been found to be more than double that of white colleagues.

The situation has been caused by a combination of employer discrimination and the concentration of black workers in jobs that have proved most vulnerable to redundancy, the TUC says. Unemployment among blacks rose much faster and to much higher peaks than that among white people in the recessions of the Eighties and Nineties.

Based on the latest official Labour Force Survey data for spring 1995, the study found that the 18.8 per cent unem-ployment rate among black workers was more than double that for white workers at 8.1 per cent. The highest regional un-employment rate for black workers was 24 per cent in greater London, where the rate for white workers was 11 per cent.

While around 15 per cent of the white population between 16 and 24 was out of work, the figure for black people was 33 per cent. The rate for those of Indian ethnic origin stood at 31 per cent, but the highest pro-

portion of 47 per cent was among young Afro-Caribbeans. Around 60 per cent of un-employed Afro-Caribbeans in all age groups had been without jobs for more than a year, compared with 44 per cent of white workers. Pakistani and Bangladeshi workers suffered the high-est jobless rate at 27.3 per cent, closely followed by Afro-Caribbeans at 24.2 per cent.



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Action on 'jellies' drug over crime rise

New curbs on the sleeping drug temazepam were announced yesterday by the Government in an attempt to tackle the social problems caused by its misusc.

A measure preventing doctors from prescribing the capsule form of the drug from 1 January was announced by the Secretary of Stale for Health, Stepheo Dorrell, and the Secretary of State for Scotland. Michael Forsyth. They said the gel-filled capsules had been at the root of "an appalling crime wave" north of the border.

The ban will not affect geouine NHS patients as the tablet form will still be available.

Temazepam "jellies" have been widely misused by addicts, particularly in Scotland, who melt them down and inject them, often in cocktails of other drugs. This can have lethal results

when the jelly re-solidifies in their bloodstream, causing gangrene or death. In Strathelyde alone, more than 80 drug-related deaths have been recorded this year, many of them involving

temazepam "jellies" The Government last month rescheduled the drug and made



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Radioactive par g waste dump 'justified by new jobs'

STEPHEN GOODWIN

Construction workers yesterday demanded their "God-giveo right to work" as they and ouclear industry shop stewards took on environmentalists at the long-running public inquiry into plans for an underground ra-dioactive waste dump in west Cumbria.

Gerry Cole, chairman of the Cumbrian Construction Work-ers, had to be reminded of the libel laws by the inquiry chairman Chris McDonald as he heaped insults on Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace and other groups which he said wanted to prevent people from "bonest, fulfilling work".

The inquiry, which began at Cleator Moor Civic Hall six weeks ago, is into UK Nirex's plan for a £195m rock laboratory at Gosforth on the edge of the Lake District National Park. Nirex wants to prove the scientific case for a £2.5bn deep repository to take waste from British Nuclear Fuel's Sellafield reprocessing plant, two miles from the site.

The Government is anxious to settle the issue of waste management - which is jeop-ardising its plans to sell off the ouclear power industry and raise up to £3bn for pre-election tax cuts. But uncertainty could force down the price. Faced with a formidable line-

up of experts appearing for Greenpeace, FoE and Cumbria County Council, which turned down the Rock Characterisation. Facility (RCF) application, Nirex has added to its own cast of scientific witnesses. Originally expected to end around Christmas, the inquiry is now set to run until the end of January.

Mr McDonald, the Department of the Environment inthe independent Pollution Inspectorate to give evidence next week. He added to the compaoy's woes by indicating his re-port would be delayed. The issue must then be decided by John Gummer, Secretary of State for the Environment. A further uncertainty has been added with the disclosure that the European Commission has opened an official complaint file on the quality of the Nirex "en-

vironmental statement". Cumbrian Friends of the Earth groups said the area had already been damaged by its de-peodence on Sellafield and the nuclear industry. Speaking on behalf of four local FoE groups, Jill Perry said Sellatield had been chosen, against other sites, which Nirex will not name, on the basis of cost, convenience and an ameoable local population. She argued that the Borrowdale volcanic rock in which the radioactive waste will be sealed was "inhereotly fractured" and close to recently active geological faults.

However, Mrs Perry and represectatives of other anti-nuclear groups were attacked by Mr Cole as "professional agitators and protesters". Describing himself as "just a bairy-arsed old construction worker" who wanted to see his men in work, Mr Cole said 2,000 jobs were at stake. In this be inchided oot just the men digging the two 935m-deep shafts but "the taxi driver who is going to take the lads back to the camp

when they're pissed up".

The underground laboratory was also supported by the Windscale and Calder Shop Stewards Committee represeoting 4,800 employees of BNFL Sellafield, It complained of "political forces" whose objective was to prevent a solution spector conducting the inquiry, to the ouclear waste problem disappointed Nirex by asking being found.

DAILY POEM

Returning

By Jane Duran

I fly close to home with you, summering, wintering over the shingled hous Along the coast a storm has picked at the berries and the flags on the sailboats are always beginning their long wandering out.

When you slide your hand down my arm like that, in the night, what is dangerous and gentle joins — two sides of a roof that the sky slides down pitching roses.

On the roof my heart spins timorously like a weathervane.

Jane Duran is the third and final recipient of the Forward prizes, announced last Thursday on National Poetry Day, for her collection *Breathe Now, Breathe* (Enitharmon), which was awarded the Best First Collection prize. Born in Cuba, she speot her early years in the US and Chile, and, after graduating from Cornell University, came to live in Britain in 1966. Her poems have appeared in *Poetry Introduction 8* (Faber 1993) and in the *Observer, Poetry Review* and the *TLS*.



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Metro bombing: PM calls for unity after attack shakes raitin in government of the state of the s

Yesterday's explosion on a sub-urban line train under the streets of central Paris was the most lethal in terms of casualties since the first in the current wave of bomb attacks at Saint-Michel station on 25 July. In terms of government and public reaction, it could prove more lethal. Where the first bomb provoked defiance and stoicism, the eighth seemed to threaten national morale.

The grave tone adopted by the Prime Minister, Alain Juppe, in the National Assembly, when he called for vigilance and



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Juppė: A stern message for the nation

national unity, the immediate visits made to the bedsides of the injured by President Jacques Chirac, and the unusually solemn faces of people on the streets of Paris vesterday all testified to the fact that this explosion could not be shrugged

In the first place, it confirmed that the bomh attacks did not end with the life of Khaled Kelkal, the young Algerian who was shot dead oear Lyons two weeks ago. Everyone had suspected as much after the bomb at Maison Blanche metro station in Paris on the day of his funeral. But they had hoped that that bomb, which injured seven people, was a last expression of vengeful hurt, arranged perhaps by his friends.

optimistic statement made by Michel bombing and France's the Interior Minister, Jean-grounds for demanding his ex-Louis Debré, oo the day after Kelkal's death, that he had a... feeling" Kelkal's cell was responsible for all the summer bombs, and by implication, that the attacks were over, now looks even less substantial than it did at the time.

The fact that Kelkal's central role can no longer be assumed will cast the spotlight back on the authorities and their conduct of the investigation. So far, they have apprehended only four people. Kelkal was shot



he covered Kelkal's escape. tions were more in the way of many North African immigrants Two others who were taking supplies to their forest hide-out were arrested at the same time. A fifth man, Abdelkarim

Deneche, is in custody in Sweden, awaiting deportation, but the Swedes have confirmed his That is clearly not so. The alibi for the day of the Sainttradition look shaky as a result.

- The authorities have put vast efforts into the investigation. The whole country is on special security alert; army detachments, helicopters and heatseeking cameras were all deployed in pursuit of Kelkal alone. But he and the other three were only tracked down because a man picking mushrooms stumbled upon them.

Further, if Kelkal's involvement seems less crucial than it first appeared, the questions dead by police; his closest com-panion is still in hospital after manner of his death will seem

regret that he had not been cap-tured alive. But the police and finally the Prime Minister himself all agreed that the gendarmes had had no alternative: Kelkal would not stop firing: they shot in self-defence.

film had been excised. It showed Kelkal shouting "Stop, stop" after he was wounded, and apparently raising his hands.

The television company, M6, has acknowledged that the film exists and the ministers, if not the police, knew of it before they made their statements. The post mortem on Kelkal showed that he had been shot 11 times.

But even if the questions about Kelkal's death fade away unanswered, more general questions will remain, especially if the young man held after yesterday's attack proves, like Kelkal, to be a child of the run-down micro-cities where

live. Kelkal, it is clear, was oo an isolated case. One part of France - sophisticated, pros-perous, well-housed, employed, and largely white - oow feels threatened by another part of France, by young men of Arab up this Freach divide. "You have It emerged subsequently, origin, educated if not born in to remember." he said, "that it however, that one sequence of France, who have rejected a was not only our compatitots them and find solace in Islam...



After questions were asked about the showing on television of Kelkal's killing, the head of the independent broadcasting commission, Hervé Bourges, made a statement that has since become ootorious for summing that night, but also the young people of the suburban housing estates." In other words, there are French "compatriots" and they do not include the young of the housing estates, even if

they are French citizens. The final aspect of yesterday's bomb, which will be the most immediately worrying to the French government, is the political message that it conveys. .The target was not chosen at

random. It was a train travelling between Saint-Michel, the site of the first explosion, and Ouai d'Orsay, next to the French Foreign Ministry.

In acknowledging responsibility for the attacks two weeks ago, a statement from the Armed Islamic Group, the most extreme of Algeria's fundamentalist terrorist groups, said they were directed against French support for the military

government in Algeria. As the Algerian presidential and President Chirac has agreed to a controversial meeting at the United Nations with the current leader of Algeria, General Zeroual, the signs for a halt to the attacks do not look good.

Speaking in the National Assembly yesterday, Mr Juppé acknowledged the Algerian an-gle when he said firmly that Mr Chirac's meeting in New York was intended "not to interfere in Algeria's affairs, but to express France's point of view".

That is a diplomatic distinction that the GIA and its operatives are unlikely to recognise.

to a local seaside resort and per-

mission to smoke "a single cig-

Now, he said, her life could

probably be measured "in

months rather than years", as

In February, Mrs Calment's

she had "achieved her goal".

120th birthday was celebrated

with singing, dancing and a

arette" restored her morale

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Mustafa's home was burned to the ground. His escaping family was ambushed. He was dragged from his wife and children. They could hear men being beaten, but they never saw him again

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Worries over 'strong franc' | Jeanne, 120 years and 238 days, overshadow budget debate is now oldest person on record

The opening salvo was fired on Sunday by the National As-sembly chairman, Philippe Seguin, Addressing Gaullist party delegates gathered for the election of Alain Juppé as party leader. Mr Séguin sketched out what appeared to be an al-ternative government pro-gramme, whose priority would be "cutting the domestic bud-get deficit".

His call to cut the deficit, ex-

ruled that positive discrimina-

Mr Séguin is not alone in sug-gesting that France ought to abandon the "strong franc". Monday's Le Monde published three authoritative articles on different aspects of the case.
One, by Jean-Pierre Cheven-

ement, a former minister, said monetary union had proved too divisive. Another, by Professor Gérard Lafay, an academic economist, called for the governor of the Bank of France to be replaced, and with him, the "strong franc". The third, from an employers' representative, said high interest rates

were preventing job creation.

However, the question is whether President Chirac, whose campaign pledges in-cluded the "strong franc" pol-icy, could break that promise. The franc weakened again yesterday as the budget debate began, passing through the psy-chological barrier of Fr3.50 to the mark from Pr3.49 on Monday, writes Diane Coyle. Traders said they expected the franc to continue to fall, due to concerns about government finances.

Paris — In extreme old age, as in infancy, it is the days that count. Jeanne Calment, who has lived all her life in the southern

city of Arles, yesterday notched up 120 years and 238 days to become the longest-lived human being on record, writes Mary Dejevsky. She overtook a Japanese man who died in 1986 at the age of 120 years and 237 days. Jeanne of Arles, as she be-came known during her 120thbirthday celebrations in February, was born in 1875, be-

Tower. She met Van Gogh and was 39 at the outbreak of the First World War. Yesterday, wearing a hlack and white dress made by a Paris fashion house and sitting in the new green wheelchair bought after her last birthday. she told assembled television reporters: "I have always been hrave; was never afraid of any-

fore such events as the Dreyfus

affair, the invention of cinema

and the building of the Eiffel

thing. For the past 10 years she has lived in a small old people's

against when rejected for pro-

motion to the job of section

manager in Bremen's parks de-



of fear as a key to longevity

home in Arles; her daughter and grandson both predeceased her. Now she is blind, almost deaf, practically immobile and "a bit distracted" but her doctor, Victor Lebre, describes her as being "more like a 90-year-old in good health" than someone

He admitted yesterday that he feared during the summer she might not make the 238 days needed to break the record: the

large cake — although her glazed look and waxlike appearance suggested the festivities largely passed her by. Then, her only recorded comment was: "The good Lord seems to have forgotten me." In France, her longevity has inevitably been cited not only as a personal achievement but as an advertisement for the French lifestyle and the low-choles terol Mediterranean diet, with its olive oil, fruit, vegetables and

moderate intake of red wine And while Jeanne of Arles is clearly exceptional, the claim may have some truth: with a life expectancy of more than 84 years, French women are the longest-lived in Europe.

women applicants had the same

heatwave of July and August

was unfairly discriminated give the job to a woman. Where ta system. The EU law, which

> grounds before, was designed to promote equal opportunities, said the court, and to outlaw sex discrimination. The court accepted that the EU law allows "special measures" to be taken to erase "existing inequalities".

However, giving a narrow interpretation of those "special measures", the court made clear they did not involve quotas: "A national rule which automatically gives women of equal qualification priority over men involves discrimination on

pected to reach 340bn francs single currency. His remarks can only be reconciled if they are (£45bn) by the end of this year, seen as a call for the rate of the was accompanied by an appeal for a reduction in interest rates, which he said were destroying renegonated at a lower level. Anger as EU court bans job quotas for women European Parliament blamed outdated and badly phrased legislation for the decision and will today demand that Brussels The all-male European Court issues a new directive that of Justice vesterday outlawed joh quotas for women, removwould unambiguously enforce the use of quotas throughout ing the main instrument used by many governments and emeach member-state. ployers to promote equal opportunities at work.

Nel van Dijk, the Dutch chairwoman of the European Parliament's womeo's-rights The court, which arbitrates committee, said it was a nonon matters affecting the EU, sense for the court to say quotas discriminate against men. tion by use of quotas is, in ef-"Women have been sexually fect, sex discrimination against discriminated against for years, men. But the ruling is by no and it still happens. Positive acmeans the end of the quotas argument: women's groups in the tion like this is the only way to

reverse the situation," she said. Britain, the only country that argued for a ban on quotas, welcomed the ruling, which it viewed as a welcome display of "moderation" by the court.

. But if the case simply brings new pressure on the Commission to draw up tighter legislation, Britain will be forced into a big fight. Since the quotas case began in December, Sweden and Finland have joined the EU and both have powerful women's lobbies.

Yesterday's ruling centred

on a case involving Eckhard

Kalanke, who complained he

partment. He had a diploma in horticulture and landscape gardening and had been a horticultural employee since 1973. In the final stage of recruitment there was one other candidate, Heike Glihmann, who held a diploma in landscape gardening and had been a horticultural employee with the department since 1975.

Under Bremen's law on equal treatment in the public yesterday that the directive did service, the department had to not allow a Bremen-style quo-

qualifications as males and were under-represented in that job, government agencies had to give preference to females. The German law said women were under-represented if they did oot make up at least half the staff in the relevant pay and job level, which was the case in the Bremen parks department.

The German state legislature drew up the law believing it was in line with a 1976 EU directive. But the Court of Justice ruled

the grounds of sex."

the gun hattle with police when more urgent. Initially, the ques-MARY DEJEVSKY chances of economic growth. Mr Séguin's attack on interest rates that are among the highest in Europe appeared direct-The French National Assembly yesterday opened a two-day debate on the 1996 budget that ed not just at the Bank of France but at the government's promised stormy arguments about public spending priorities, means-testing of benefits and franc fort" policy, which is seen as handicapping France in the international labour market. Until now, Mr Séguin's pojob-creation schemes. The desition might have been interbate threatened to be unstaged. preted as lobbying for the abandonment of European however, by the old controversy over interest rates and the monetary union. The rationale value of the franc.

behind the "strong franc" policy is to keep the rate of the franc consistent against the German mark in preparation for the introduction of the single currency in 1999. The deficit has to be cut to 3 per cent of GDP for the same reason: to. meet the Maastricht "convergence criteria".

But Mr Séguin, who campaigned against the Maastricht treaty, said he now accepted the

took its toll and only a day-trip

Bosnia settlement: Last-minute demand by Croats and Muslims to consolidate recent gains throws talks into confusion

Land claim upsets US peace plan

TONY BARBER

The US-inspired peace plan for Bosnia suffered a setback yesterday after a senior Bosnian official demanded more territory for the Muslims and Croats at the expense of the Bosnian Serbs. Ejup Ganic, the Bosnian Vice-President, said existing proposals, which would give 51 per cent of Bosnia to the Muslims and Croats and 49 per cent to the Serbs, were "illogical and out of date".

The United States, Russia and the main European powers decided 18 months ago on the 51-49 per cent division, and since then the proposal has been a rare fixture in a shifting diplomatic landscape.

diplomatic landscape.

The Muslim-led government accepted the proposal last year, but the Bosnian Serbs, despite scaling down territorial de-

mands as a result of military defeats since July, dislike it and would almost certainly resist any attempt to allocate them even less land. Until their losses in western and northern Bosnia, the Serbs held about 70 per cent of the republic, but now the balance of control broadly matches the 51-49 initiative.

Mr Ganic said it made no sense for the Bosnian Serbs to receive 49 per cent when, according to his own estimate, only 400,000 Serbs – or 11 per cent of Bosnia's pre-war population – lived in Serbs-controlled areas. Before the war, Serbs made up about 32 per cent of Bosnia's 4.4 million people.

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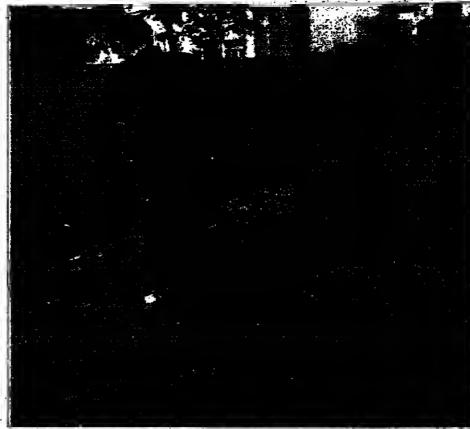
Many Serb-held regions of Bosnia are depopulated because Serb forces have expelled vast numbers of Muslims and Croats since April 1992.

Mr Ganic's comments indi-

not lost hope of putting all of Bosnia back under the control of Sarajevo. Fulfilling this would be a tall order, since it would mean not just defeating the Bosnian Serbs but taking on those Bosnian Croats whose primary allegiance is to Croatia.

Meanwhile, diplomats said the US, Britain and France had made it clear to Croatia that it should not scupper peace talks by launching an offensive to recapture Eastern Slavonia, the last Serb-held region of Croatia. But a US official said the Croats had indicated an attack was likely if no negotiated solution had been reached by 30 November, when the UN mandate expires in Croatia.

US and Russian officials held talks in Moscow yesterday on how to bring Russian soldiers into a Nato peace force in Bosnia. The US opposes a joint Nato Pursian expressed



A Bosnian government soldier views the blanket-covered bodies of 11 non-Serb me shot dead in Kamengrad as the Serbs retreated before a Bosnian army offensive

Arresting time with a PR tyrant

There is one sacred cow in the Stpska Republic who must not be criticised in public nor chastised in print on pain of a lifetime ban from the Serb statelet in Boania. Broad of girth, mean of spirit, Sonja Karadzic owes her position as press supremo entirely to her father's job (he's the psychiatrist turned "President") but wields her powers without mercy or, sadly for her people's cause, without regard to the fundamental rule of PR: try to be nice to the press.

On Monday, Sonja, emboldened by her father's absence on
business and keen to flex her
muscles; ordered Bosnian Serb
police to arrest three journalists
(I was one) for seeking permission to work in Serb-held
territory. The grounds for detention were ridiculous, as the
police well knew, but as underlings in a police state that retains unquestioning obedience,
they did as told.

Held incommunicado for more than 15 hours at the police station in Pale, rebel Serb headquarters, we had plenty of time to ponder the Catch-22; you can't come in without permission, you can't get permission unless you come in. It is almost impossible to telephone Pale from Sarajevo, so I and two American colleagues had crossed the front line to call Sonja from Lukavica barracks, as I have often done.

The soldier at the Lukavica press centre was charming but said we could not ask permission by phone: we must drive the 30km to Pale. Ida, an Englishispeaking Serb, was sent with us. At Pale press centre I greeted the staff, whom I know well-from earlier visits. Then one of my colleagues uttered the dread words: "Tm Tracy Wilkinson, Los Angeles Times." A ripple ran through the room; the news was passed to Sonia, next door.

passed to Sonja, next door.
The Pale officials don't much like any Western journalist, givcn as we are to reporting reports on "ethnic cleansing" and shelling of civilians, but in the five months since her arrival, Tracy has achieved a special place in Sonja's heart. The problem does not seem to be ner copy, which is no more anti-Serb than most. It is more her audience: there is a large, literate and well-organised Serb diaspora in Los Angeles. Many s are routinely faxed to Pale; it seems LA just has a more dedicated cuttings service. Four policemen walked in. They have no papers to be here," said Sonja shrilly as we tried to remonstrate. Tracy, Kit Roane of the New York Times, Ida and I were marched off to the station.

We were told only that we monsters, and it has give must spend the night there. rein to Sonja's instincts.



Emma Daly has a little difficulty trying to get permission to work in Serb territory

Journalists are routinely banned by Sonja (I have been in the past and certainly will be in the future) and those with permission to work must travel along designated roads with an official translator (fee: about £50 per day per reporter, payable to Sonja). But official hostility usually wears a mask of civilised regret – it is too dangerous for you to visit – or of rigid bureaucracy: no one but the President can speak on that subject and he is busy.

Our police guards were mostly friendly (one bought us beer, cigarettes and cevapcici—sausages) but powerless to help. We were not threatened or beaten—though the commander, who swept in, refused to shake my hand, and ordered us to shut up, was frightening. Ida was terrified she would be hlamed for whatever sins we might have committed. We did not expect to be killed or tortured or held for long but there were moments in which I began to wonder.

Yesterday morning we were collected by the man from "national security" who seemed to realise the incident was a farce: there was nothing to question us about, as the soldier at Lukavica had confirmed our story. He asked for our addresses in Sarajevo, then said: "Are you afraid we would shell vour houses?" We smiled stiffly. And he asked our opinions on the war. "Do you think Alija Izetbegovic the Bosnian President could take power in England with a Muslim party? Do you?" I agreed that was unlikely. But his questions, as so often with Serbs who feel the victims of a global conspiracy yet know committed for their cause, betray a fundamental insecurity.

tray a fundamental insecurity.

Ida and the Lukavica soldiers invited us to visit if we returned. Ida lives in Grbavica, a deprived urban front line. Her father was killed by a Bosnian sniper, but she has none of Sonja's rage. The war has created monsters, and it has given free rein to Sonja's instincts.

INBRIEF

Ciller asked to form another government

Ankara — President Suleyman Demirel of Turkey has asked the Prime Minister, Tansu Ciller, to form a new government. Mrs Ciller, who lost a weekend vote of confidence in her minority administration, is likely to re-form a coalition with her former Social Democrat partners until early general elections are held. Reuter

Israel rattles the sabre at Hizbollah

Jerusalem — Israel's Cabinet gave the army "freedom of action" against the Shia Muslim group, Hizbollah, and accused Iran and Syria of aiding the guerrillas. The Lebanese Defence Minister, Mohsen Dalloul, said Muslim guerrilla attacks that killed nine Israeli soldiers in south Lebanon were "superb." However, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin suggested that Israel would not launch a large-scale military strike against Hizbollah which killed nine Israeli soldiers in two attacks in sonth Lebanon. Mr Rabin noted that with the recent attacks, Hizbollah did not violate a 1993 U.S.-brokered understanding under which Hizbollah agreed to refrain from sending Katyusha rockets into northern Israel if Israel did not hit civilian targets in south Lebanon.

Letter bombs injure two in Austria

Vienna — The leader of the opposition leftist Greens party said police should interrogate right-wing opposition leader Joerg Haider after a prominent refugee activist and a foreign-born doctor were injured by letter bombs. A third letter bomb, mailed to a South Korean-born doctor, was detected and secured by police before it exploded.

Slum violence continues for third day

Nairobi — Kenyan riot police shot and wounded two people when violence erupted for a third day in a Nairobi slum where youths from rival tribes patrolled armed with knives, clubs and spears. Tension between youths from the fending Luo and Nubian tribes in Kibera threatened to crupt into worsening violence. Four people have already been killed.

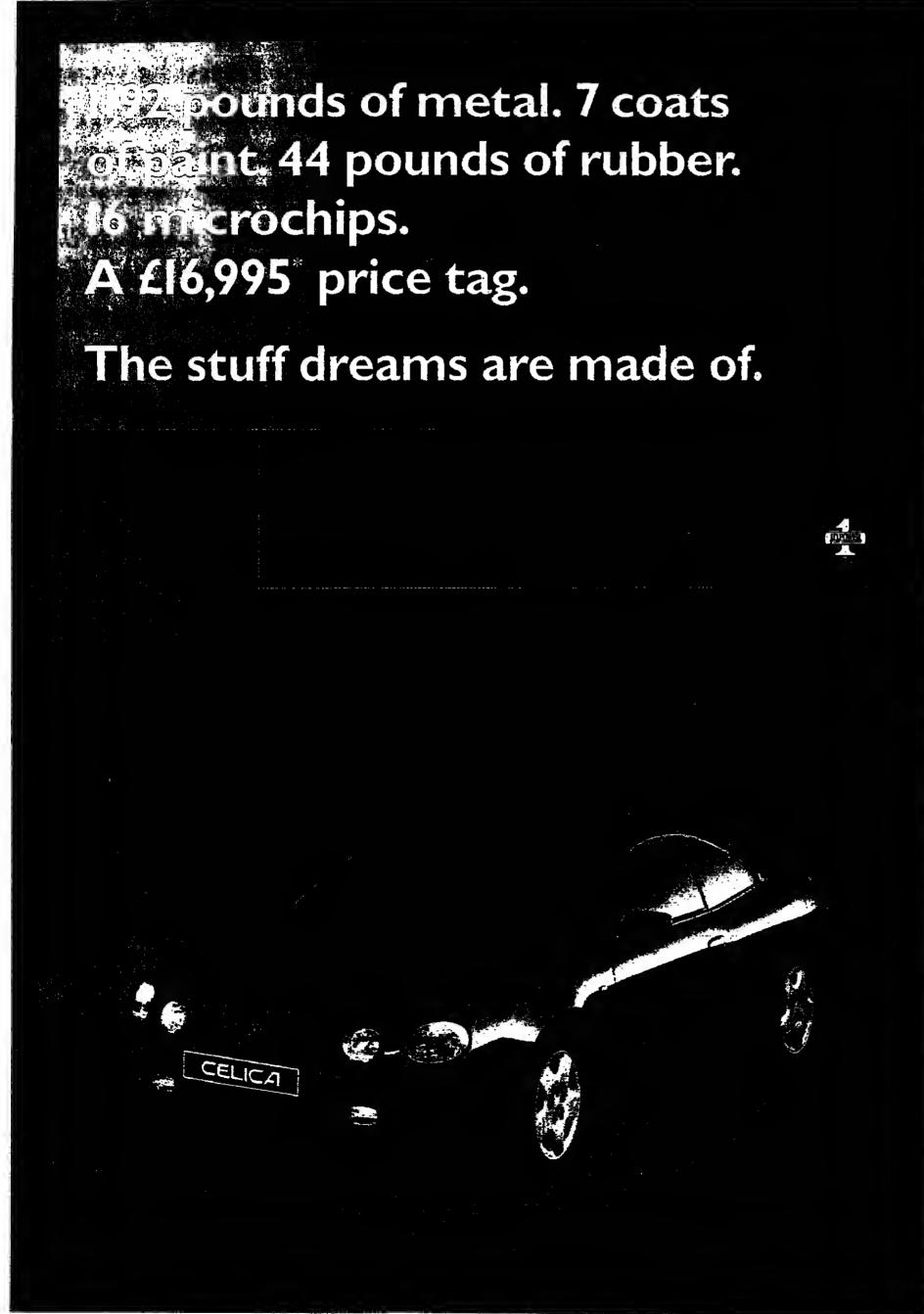
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Tamil rebel divers blow up supply ship

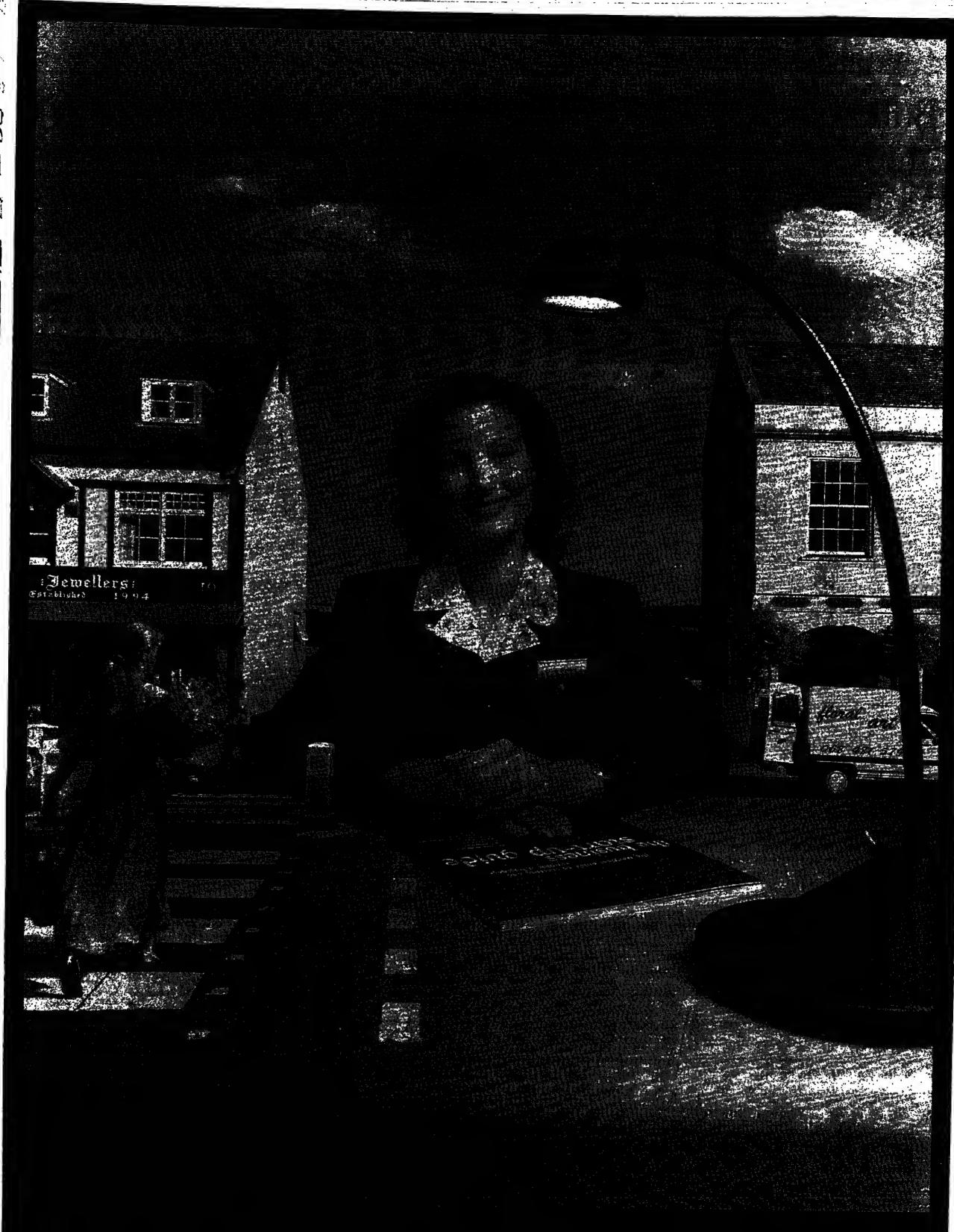
Colombo — Tamil rebel divers infiltrated Trincomalee harbour, 150 miles north-east of Colombo, and blew up a navy supply ship, killing 12 people. Sri Lankan government troops launched offensives on two fronts. Forty-four soldiers and at least 26 rebels died in battles on the Jaffna Peninsula in the north and in the eastern Batticaloa region. Thousands of troops backed by warplanes and navy gunboats advanced on rebel positions in the north, in what could be a prelude to an assault on the rebel stronghold of Jaffna City.

Fans cheer film star's release

Bombay — Thousands of fans cheered as the Indian film idol Sanjay Dutt, 36, was released on bail after 14 months in a Bombay prison on terrorism charges. India's Supreme Court ordered his release on Monday after federal police said they had no objections to his being freed on bail in a case linked to a series of bombs in Bombay in March 1993 that killed 260 people. Reuter



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Bulldozers march on Peking's old courtyards

A unique feature of the city is under threat, writes Teresa Poole

dowager Cixi's favourite eumuchs, Li Lianying lived in comparative style in his traditional courtyard residence near Houhai lake, north of Peking's Forbidden City. The quadrangle was laid out according to es-tablished form: a single doorway led off the hutong, or alleyway, and through to a rectangular courtyard overlooked by single-

Then, as now, the distinctively shaped roofs had grey tiles and the pillars and window-frames were painted red. At that time, Li and his relatives would have had the quadrangle to them-selves; now, 14 families are crammed in "Everybody knows each other," said one resident,

Away from the city's oew office blocks and shopping centres, the reality of everyday life for many Pekingers is still focused on the hutongs. But not, perhaps, for much longer. Old Peking is fast disappearing as bulldozers move in Conservationists are alarmed at the apparent lack of concern about which hutong districts should be protected and residents are often dismayed at the prospect of being forcibly moved to more expensive apartment blocks in distant suburbs. Nor is the redevelopment going to solve the housing shortage: although a construction boom has created a glut of property, it is far too pricey for

the average family. In many hutongs, cooditions are spartan and even squalid. Old Mrs Liu has lived in her traditional courtyard in the west of the city for 47 years. There is no heating apart from a coal stove, the only water is from a tap in the yard shared with several families, and it is a five-minute walk to the oearest (public) toilet. Yet as bulldozers from the nearby development of Peking's Financial Street" work their way in her direction, Mrs Liu is

Peking - As one of the Empress housed. "I have spent most of my life here. Everything seems so familiar to me. I simply don't know what life will be like for me when I can't see the red wooden window frames and the clay bricks and the trees here." There are practical objections as well: Mrs Liu's son works at the Capital Iron and Steel Works, west of the city, but the gov-ernment plans to rehouse them two hours' drive away on the oth-

A hundred years ago Mrs Liu's hutong probably housed merchants and tradesmen. The area is of less historic interest than the courtyard bouses in the Yan family neighbourhood, once the residences of imperi-al retainers and aristocrats. Dur-

iog the Qing dynasty (1644-1911), the style of a courtyard's gate indicated the rank and social status of the owner, and beautiful stone and hrick carvings can be found along the hutongs. Life was regimented: the household head lived in the rooms along the north side of his quadrangle, to benefit from the sun. His wife's bedroom was at the east end of his quarters; his concubine slept to the west.

A few of the most attractive courtyards have been renovated by mainland developers and are oo the market at sky-high prices. A Hong Kong property agent said he had been quoted asking prices of £450,000 to £2.5m. But many quadrangles are too run-down to be worth coment potential.

a photographic record of some more powerful departments. of Peking's historic hutongs, estimates a quarter of the city's hutongs will not survive, because courtyard housing has been de-molished. "Even now the city has tioo demands facilities such as no clear measures to preserve bathrooms and central heating. the hutongs." Some 24 preser- So Mr Xu is lobbying for efvatioo areas were in theory des- fective preservation orders on ignated in 1990, but the Cultural selected neighbourhoods. Relics Bureau has in practice These could be renovated and unenthusiastic about being re- been unable to stop develop- some used as tourist sites and

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restoring, or sit on land which old ways: Places that were once the haunt of courtiers and the aristocracy are being now has prime high-rise developments demolished as an upwardly mobile population raises its sights

Photograph: Panos

Everyone accepts that many

Xu Yong, who has produced meot projects approved by hotels, he suggests, to give fuphotographic record of some more powerful departments, ture generations a glumpse of traditional Peking life.

The Yan family, who pay only £1.40 a month in rent to the city government, just want to stay put. Mrs Yan, her husband, who works in a radio-components factory, and their two adult daughters share one large room and an annexe. The hutong has been their home for 26.

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be pulled down, we will wait a

years and, as far as Mrs Yan is concerned, she has few wants. "We have installed a coldwater tap and already have a 1,700 yuan [£130] washing ma-chine," she said. "We would like a large colour television and also a bigger refrigerator. But since

Pakistani officers try to ferret out coup plotters

TIM McGIRK Rawalpindi

Pakistani investigators are trying to determine the extent of a plot within the armed forces to overthrow the Prime Minister, Benazir Bhutto, and replace her with a revolutionary Islam-

A major-general, a brigadier and at least 38 other army officers are in custody "on charges of indiscipline", officialese for being suspected of wanting to topple Ms Bhutto. The purch was thwarted last month but only now are details surfacing in the Pakistani press of how the plotters intended to accest or kill the top generals and then kill

leading politicians.

Ms Bhutto has evidently been assured the threat has passed, since she left on Monday for a Non-Aligned Movement summit in Colombia. But officers are still trying to determine how widespread support might be within the armed forces for this small but influential band of Islamic extremists.

Ms Bhutto is no stranger to military coups: her father, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, was over-thrown in 1977 and later executed by the generals. Twenty months into her first term, Ms Bhutto was jostled out by the generals. In Pakistan's turbulent democracy, military putsches have succeeded only when backed by the top generals; this last one was not.

The News daily said the strategist behind the plot was Brigadier Mustansir Billah, from the Baluch Regiment, who allegedly set up links with two armed Islamic militant groups, Harakat-ul-Ansar and Hezbi Mujaheddin, which are about the hostages where several terrorism fighting in Kashmir, Bosnia about but in the coup plot hanging over him.

and Chechnya, and have many Pakistani recruits. Ms Bhotto was targeted for being too pro-

The joint chiefs of the army, navy and air force were to meet at general headquarters in Rawalpindi on 30 September. The mutinous officers planned to seize them and declare an Islamic government. Senator Tario Choudhry, who first leaked news of the officers' arrest, said: "If the politicians did not behave, there would also be a killing of politicians."

. The military were tipped off



Bhutto: Putsch thwarted

when they arrested a Harakatul-Ansar militant in Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistani Kashmir. His capture, according to some sources, came about because Ms Bhutto is anxious to prove to Washington and London that Islamabad is not involved in the kidnapping of four Westerners, including two Britons, by Al-Paran, a suspected breakaway group from Harakat-ul-Ansar, No news was extracted from the activist

came to light. The militant allegedly disclosed, according to the News, that Brig Billah had gone to tribal territories near the Afghan frontier to buy arms for the insurrection. He and a colonel were reportedly arrested trying to smuggle the guns into military headquarters. The press said the plotters were so sure of success that they had already designated exalted titles for themselves as revolutionary

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Islamic leaders. Some Western diplomats sugested the coup inquiry into the abortive coup might lead to a further purge of fundamentalist officers who still cling to the pan-Islamic vision of Zia ul-Haq, the military president killed in 1988.

Ms Bhutto 's popularity has fallen sharply in recent months. She has failed to end ethnic violence in Karachi and cannot shake off the reek of corruption that clings to her administration. But Pakistanis, having lived with military rule for 25 of the country's 48 years of existence, have few illusions about the military. Nor could an Islamic regime count on much support from outside; no Western government and few Muslim ones, would back mutineers who toppled a moderate democracy.

Meanwhile, in Karachi, Ms Bhutto's brother-in-law, Nassir Hussain, has been arrested in connection with the death of a local politician, Ahmed Ali Soomro. Although married to Ms Bhutto's younger sister, he was considered an adversary, since be sided against the Prime Minister in a family feud; he was an ally of Ms Bhutto's estranged brother, Murtaza, who is trying to stage a political return, even though several terrorism charges are

Kaunda faces deportation

CHOLA CHIMBANO

Lusaka — Kenneth Kamda, the former Zambian president, is acing possible deportation af-

cause he was not a Zambi In the latest twist in the increasingly bitter battle between President Frederick Chiloba and the former leader, the Home Affairs Minister, Chitalu Sampa, said Mr Kaunda, 71, ruled Zambia illegally from independence in 1964 until 1970, when he renounced Malawian citizenship. "The government is satisfied the former president is not a Zambian and necessary work is being done to see that the law is applied ... We are still investigating and shall accord-ingly deal with him just like any other alien," said Mr Sampa. Mr Kaunda, who is attempt-

ing a political comeback, has not spoken on the allegations, oor could he be reached for comment. It is not clear where the government hopes to deport Mr Kaunda, who last month described himself as a "Zambian. pure and simple". Dual citizenship is not allowed but any person born in the country is entitled to citizenship.

A 1964 Independence Order gave non-Zambians one year to apply for citizenship. Zambia's first home affairs minister under Mr Kaunda's government said last month that the former president's delay in renouncing his Malawian citizenship could have been an oversight by his

Mr Kaunda's bid to return to power in general elections set for October 1996 could also be jeopardised if a draft constitution is approved, barring anyone who is not a Zambian citizen by birth from contesting. It also disqualifies anyone who has already served two five-year terms from seeking re-electioo.

Mr Kaunda ruled Zambia for 27 years, 17 of them under a single-party system, until he was ousted in the first multi-party election in 1991. He re-entered politics by winning leadership of the opposition United National Independence Party in July.



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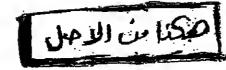
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Million Man March: Messiah or racist hatemonger - only time will tell - but the Nation of Islam leader has made his mark

Farrakhan wins a degree of respect

RUPERT CORNWELL

Love him or loathe him, exult in his black separatism or condemn him as a racial batemonger - on one consequence of the "Million Man March" of black men, everyone can agree: that the raily has massively en-hanced the stature of its main organiser, the Nation of Islam leader, Louis Farrakhan.

Only gradually will the impact of Monday's event become fully apparent. Time will tell whether the good intentions of the "Day of Atonement" will produce deeds to match in black communities. No less nebulous are the implications for race relations and the national political scene.

Will the march loosen the Democrats' bold on the black vote, a vital constituency if President Bill Clinton is to win re-election next year? Will it ease racial tensions – or merely make them worse? Will it generate more registered black voters, as Mr Farrakhan demanded? Most tantalising of all, will it help or hinder General Colin Powell if he runs for President.

All are questions as yet impossible to answer, But Mr Parrakhan, as the abuse heaped upon him anew by many leading politicians only serves to the words of Speaker Newt Gingrich yesterday, "an unre-pentant higot," who laced his two-and-a-half hour speech with attacks on the white icons from George Washington down.

The fact, however, remains that the leader of the Nation of Islam, previously considered on the margins of mainstream black politics and best known for his rabid anti-Semitism, as-Whether 400,000 as the National Park Service estimates, or the 1 million plus claimed by the organisers, the number on the Washington Mali far exceeds the 250,000 drawn by Dr Martin Luther King in August 1963.

Since then, a depressing cy-cle of black politics has run its course. Traditional black organisations such as the NAACP have lost influence as the old civil rights movement has come apart. After two runs for the Presidency, Dr King's heir, the Rev Jesse Jackson, is a fading force, among blacks and in na-tional politics. Into the vacuum

has stepped Mr Farrakhan. Even blacks who had been suspicious of his separatist message acknowledged his success from Mr Jackson who waited two months to give the march his approval, to Myrlie Evers Williams, leader of the NAACE, which had officially boycotted the event. "There was a spiritnal awakening," Ms Williams said, "He's moving forward and he's using all of us to do it. I say, let's give him a chance."

Whites, though, were universally unimpressed. While Jewish leaders rejected Mr Farrakhan's call for peace talks between blacks and Jews as a stunt, a gaggie of Republican candidates rained abuse on Mr Farrakhan and criticised Mr Clinton for not condemning him by name in his powerful appeal for racial healing in Texas on Monday. Bob Dole called Mr Far-

rakhan "a racist, unhinged by hate" and attacked Mr Clinton prove, is now a figure to be reck-oned with by all. He may be, in a racist nation". But not one prominent Republican has come forward with a serious speech on race, the most burning issue in national politics and one fanned further by the OJ Simpson verdict and the approach of the Million Man March.

Speaking on CNN's Larry King show, Mr Farrakhan bragged that not even General Powell, who leads Mr Chinton sembled the largest gathering of in the polls by 10 points, could black Americans in history. have drawn as many people. On a Powell presidency, the Nation of Islam leader was withering: Tm past applauding a black man for running to be the manager of a white reality."



man's view: The poet Maya Angelou addresses the Million Man March on Capitol connected by the Mayor of Washington, Marion Berry Photograph: Doug Mills/AP

Black women elated as men find self-respect

JOHN CARLIN Washington

Monday's Million Man March in Washington was about black self-respect. Men who lack selfrespect talk tough and act tough they walk with adolescent struts; they join gangs in the hope of finding refuges for their fragile egos. Sometimes they turn to drugs or drink, beat their women, shun the respon-sibilities of fatherhood. Fifty four per cent of black children in America are growing up

under single mothers.
All of which belps explain why black women appear over-whelmingly to have supported the march and to have been undisturbed by their exclusion. The response of black women - as conveyed in scores of interviews - was to welcome the attempt by black men to gather, as the organisers defined

Some women spoke from the podium. Rosa Parks, the mother of the civil rights movement who caused a national stir

the exercise, in a giant act of



"whites-only" bus seat in Al-abama in 1955, said: "I am bonoured that young men respect me". Other women spoke, notably the poet Maya Angelou and Betty Shabazz, the widow of Malcolm X. Cora Masters Barry, wife of the mayor of Washington, declared: "This is the prettiest sight I've ever seen in my whole entire life."

Many women chose to see the march as a gesture of recognition by hlack men of the pivotal role women bave played in supporting black households. One man observed that black women had been hlack men's "backbone" for too long and it was now men's turn to belp

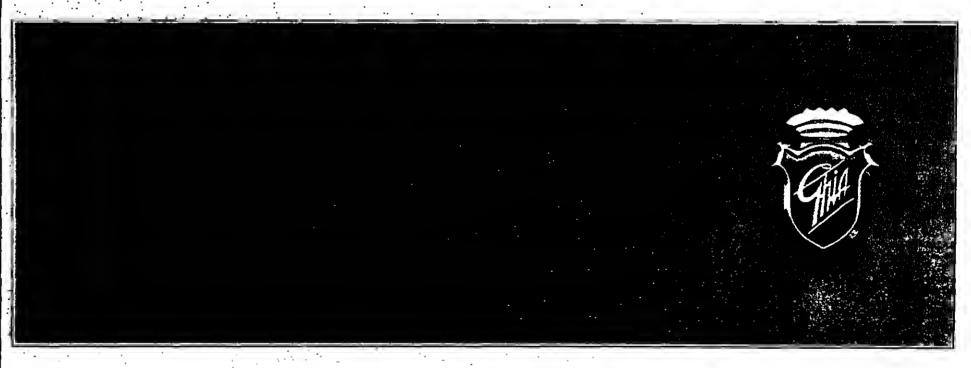
and community life. A group of women in Toledo, Ohio, took the day off work to watch the march on television. Shannae, one of its members, said: "This is like a thank-you

the black men are giving to hlack women. It gives women a chance to see that black men do Several hundred women observed the march in small groups from the periphery of the Washington Mall. Others

took up positions at under-ground stops and greeted marchers with cries of "We love you" and banners that read "We're with you, brothers." Gwendolyn from Virginia said: f am very proud, elated."

the marchers, like proud mothers at a school graduation day. And what they saw gave them hope that perhaps they might outgrow adolescence, start standing up on their own two feet and start sharing the burdens of adult responsibility. For the black men, hundreds of thousands of them, were not strutting, were not cringing.

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Winnie fights to stay wed to Mandela

JULIETTE SAUNDERS

Johannesburg — Winnie Man-dela's lawyers said in court yes terday that she would fight divorce proceedings brought by her estranged husband, Pres-ident Nelson Mandela, on the grounds that the 37-year marriage could be saved. But Mrs Mandela said in papers filed in the Rand Supreme Court in Johannesburg that if the divorce was granted, she wanted half of her busband's assets.

The couple separated in April 1992 after Mrs Mandela was convicted of complicity in kidnapping and assault of children in Soweto. Her driver and bodyguard were convicted of murdering one of the children. Mrs Mandela, 60, claimed her husband bad not followed

African cultural traditions in seeking reconciliation, forgiveness and family cohesion and had not recognised her role in making him internationally famous. "In the circumstances, there are reasonable prospects there are reasonable prospects that with proper and adequate counselling, including the cul-tural and traditional tutelage, the parties have reasonable prospects to reconcile," her lawyers said in the papers.
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rectly and indirectly to the maintenance and increase of the plaintiff's estate, by rendering services, immortalising the glob-al profile of the plaintiff, and further by other means."

Mr Mandela, 77, who is said to be planning a third marriage, claimed in a summous pinned to Mrs Mandela's door recently that their marriage had irretrievably broken down. She had allegedly dodged officials trying to serve papers on her.
The papers filed by Mrs Man-

dela yesterday said the president had failed adequately to recog-nise her role in bringing up their two daughters and her protec-tion of them under apartheid. "She is very ill-advised to contest this. Whatever she does to hart her husband hurts the African National Congress and rebounds on her," said a polit-

ical analyst, Robert Schrire.

"The only sensible thing would be for her to be as gracious as possible to minimise the damage ... I think it will be the death of her politically." Others were less sure. "Winnie Mandela is a survivor. You don't have to admire her manner or politics to admire her

ability to come back again and again," said an ANC official.

The case is the fourth this year to involve Mr Mandela and his wife, who earlier challenged the technicalities of her dismissal as a deputy minister, forcing the president to reappoint her and fire her a second time.

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The Rev Murdo Alex MacLeod

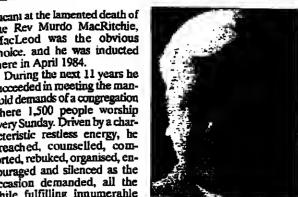
News of the death of the Moderator of their last General Assembly, Murdo Alex MacLeod. on the day after his 60th birthday, has been greeted with an-guished disbelief throughout the Free Church of Scotland. He had been en route to the Netherlands, to represent the Free Church al the General Synod of the Christian Reformed Church.

Born in Ness, Isle of Lewis. MacLeod began his ministry in 1966, in the sprawling Glasgow housing scheme of Drumchapel. From there he was called first to Dingwall and then to Inverness. He left his mark on all of these congregations, not only by his outstanding ability as a preacher (in both Gaclic and English) but also by his skills in man-management. He had a steady hand and an astute mind, as well as an eloquent tongue. When Stornoway Free Church (the largest Presbyterian church in Britain) became

vacant at the lamented death of the Rev Murdo MacRitchie. MacLeod was the obvious choice, and he was inducted there in April 1984.

succeeded in meeting the manifold demands of a congregation where 1,500 people worship every Sunday. Driven by a characteristic restless energy, he preached, counselled, comforted, rebuked, organised, encouraged and silenced as the occasion demanded, all the while fulfilling innumerable outside engagements. His congregation, made up of widely disparate elements, remained impressively united, not least in love and respect for their master. When I worshipped there last summer the church was full to capacity.
To his friends, Murdo Alex

MacLeod was an impish little mischief-maker, hiding behind a flow of hanter and endlessly inventive in tease, repartee and



practical jokes. Some of us saw our wardrobes move mysteri-ously in the night; the work of ghosts. Others whistled into the phone to satisfy "the tele-phone engineer" at the other end. But behind the façade lay not only deep seriousness but a stern intensity.

He was fully aware that the tide of religious certainty had ebbed, even in his own native island, but his personal faith was unaffected. He remained staunchly Christian, staunchly Evangelical and staunchly Free Church. Within his own tradition, he was happy to adjust to new circumstances, but he was co innovator. Nor was he a pessimist. He insisted, sometimes against evidence to the contrary, that the Free Church remained in good heart and that although there might be disagreements there were no divisions.

It was this total confidence in the institution that lay at the heart of his leadership. He believed implicitly not only in the historic Christian orthodoxy which lay at the heart of his church's witness but also in all the distinctives of its worship and piety. He wanted the Church to go where it was: not because he was either stubborn or obscurantist but because his intellect was at one with his

MacLeod's early years was football, a game he played with skill as his nephew, Ally MacLeod, one of the outstanding Scottish players of the Seventies. "Murdo Alex", as he was known to everybody, retained his interest in soccer to the end, undeterred even by the defection of some of his family to support Celtic, historic rivals of his own beloved Donald MacLeod

Murdo Alex MacLeod, clergy man: born Ness, Isle of Lewis 15 October 1935; ordained 1966; Minister, Dingwall Free Church 1971-78; Minister, Greyfrians Free Church, Inverness 1978-84; Minister, Stornoway Free Church, Isle of Lewis 1984-95; Moderator, General Assembly, Free Church of Scotland 1995; married (six children); died Aberdeen 16 October 1995.



Henry Roth

Writer's block found its most magnificent ally in Henry Roth. but what he managed to write was and is important, and will last. Not one for half-measures. Roth published his first and most famous novel, Call It Sleep, in 1934, then waited for 60 years to publish a novel again. Another followed one year later, a third will appear in the spring: in all, six volumes are due, representing the most extraordinary late flowering of a writer thought for more than half a century to be a one-book



Thirty-five years ago the new Bishop of Norwich, Launcelot Fleming, determined to shape

the ministry in his largely rur-

al diocese into forms that bet-

ter suit modern village life.

The man he chose to launch this

Blackburne was then vicar of

St Mary's, Harrow on the Hill,

having behind him a distin-

guished wartime ministry in

the Brigade of Guards, RMC

Sandhurst and an incumbency

chance given by new vacancies in a patch of neighbouring

parishes in the empty Breck-

lands of Norfolk, and planned

to group nine churches under

one rector with a staff of two cu-

rates. A similar scheme had al-

ready worked well in the

Lincolnshire Wolds. It enabled

tiny parishes to benefit from

each others' support and friend-

ship, and it gave young country

The Bishop was seizing the

at Milton, in Hampshire.

Blackburne.

Call It Sleep. now considered a classic, was only respectfully received when it first appeared. Its account of the vicissitudes of immigrant life as seen through the eyes of David Schearl, a young Jewish hoy in a distinctly non-Welfare-Age America, found less favour than the social fantasies of New Yorker writers such as John O'Hara. In hard times readers are apt to be most interested in tales of

Like James T. Farrell's Studs Lonigan trilogy, Roth's novel was unabashed in its treatment of the gamier, sexual side of immigrant life, yet unlike Farrell Roth was consciously modernist, in no sense a social realist. His earthy subject-matter was paired improbably with a prose style deeply influenced by loyce and the poet Hart Crane. Interestingly, despite his own left-wing politics, Roth found his strongest detractors among contemporary Communists, who were unhappy with the poetic apolitical treatment accorded the slums of his story. The tension between his left-

ist politics and aesthetics doubtless contributed to Roth's

he quickly proved acceptable ("After all," commented the

then Archdeacon of Norfolk,

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Good at staff work and plan-

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Hospitality, friendship and help, he and his wife Freda also

gave to other new group rectors

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before in their lives").

The Right Rev Hugh Blackburne

difficulties (to use a euphemism) in completing a second novel. Perhaps apocryphally, it is said that the famed editor Maxwell Perkins's dislike for Roth's early stabs at novel number two was also a key factor in his "block". In any case, ooth-ing further appeared, and Call It Sleep itself sank into critical oblivion. In these dry years, Roth worked in a series of uninspiring jobs - as a nightschool teacher, a "precision metal grinding machine" oper-ator, a mental-hospital attendant in Maine, and a waterfowl farmer. Happily married to the composer Muriel Parker, Roth was seemingly content never to write again.

It was the rediscovery of Call Sleep that proved the initial catalyst. Described in the 1950s by both Alfred Kazin and Leslie Fiedler as a oeglected masterpiece, it was reissued in paperback in 1964 and received a front-page review by Irving Howe in the New York Times Book Review. It sold well over a millico copies, and allowed Roth to quit work and travel widely, before settling in New Mexico.

ing, and it was a happy choice

of the next Bishop of Norwich

to ask him to pinneer another

sphere of ministry, to the holi-

son to Norfolk. His new parish

was Ranworth, which has a

church nicely situated over

Malthouse Broad, where there

is a popular mooring for holi-

day cruisers. In his yachl Helen

he was a well-known character

on the Broads. On summer

evenings Blackburne and his

parish helpers could be seen

rowing round the boats, wel-

coming visitors, reminding them

about safety, showing frustrat-ed tiros in hired boats how to

switch off their diesels. These

happy calls were always re-

warded by large congregations

on Sunday mornings, and many

Bishop of Thetford, an ap-

pointment widely welcomed. His pastoral gifts were well

In 1977 Blackburne became

return visits each year.

Here in 1979 Roth eventually set to work again on a scale unenvisaged by those who would have been content with just one more novel to break what had by then become a famous block. A collection of short stories and interviews appeared in 1987 as Shifting Landscape. Then in 1994 St Martin's Press published A Star Shines Over Mt Morris Park, announcing the novel as just the first in what would be six books. This novel, and its sequel, A Diving Rock on the Hudson, continued chronologically the story of Call It Sleep's protagonist (renamed Ira Stigman), following him as he moves from the insular Jewish world of the Lower East Side to

began to write. It appears that the entire sixnovel sequence, called in entirety Mercy of a Rude Stream, was finished by Roth in the 1980s. After the death of his wife in 1989, Roth applied himself to careful revision of the first, secood, and immineot third novel of the sequence, and

tellectual without being per-nickety, generous without being

sloppy. At a diocesan clergy week, where some 200 con-

lectious parsons were becom-

the controversy of the day, he

asked a friend "Are you an ex-

tremist?" The friend denied it.

and Blackburne replied, "I am!

A lover of the country, a com-

mitted conservationist, Hugh

Blackburne allowed himself to

be truly adopted by Norfolk. Birds were one of his enthusi-

asms. At his final Swaffham

house he would sit in a conser-

a few feet away. He had a gar-

It gave him much pleasure, not

least when the startings decid-

ed that they too rather enjoyed

the shower. It somehow seemed

a parable of all his ministry.

Alan Glendining

I'm an extremist Moderate."

the ethnic mix of 1920s Harlem,

then to the radical intellectual

environs of City College of

New York, where Roth first

with the assistance of a gifted New York editor, Robert Weil, the early books appeared.

of Call It Sleep remained, which meant at times the style was as much embarrassing as heartfelt, the effect ganche as well as mov-ing. The last three novels of the sequence, not subject to editorial revision, are likely to prove still more uneven.

Yet, throughout all be wrote. Roth's ability to immerse one in a now long-extinct world of immigrant struggle and New World promise means that he is never less than engrossing to read. The hiatus in his writing is remarkable (one reviewer wrote that it made Wordsworth's famous block "a mere hlip or glitch in comparison") bot Roth's books, whether read as novels or historical documeots, are substantial in

Andrew Rosenhelm

Henry Roth, writer: born Tysmenica, Galicia 8 February 1906; married 1939 Muriel Parker (died 1989; two sons); died Albuquerque, New Mexico 13 October 1995.

"Hilborough Group" with great might otherwise never have enthusiasu. Takeo to be vetted ventured into rural ministry. One of his joys in life was sail-tellectual without being per-Blackburne: group ministry

Hugh Charles Blackburne, priest: born 4 June 1912; ordained dea-con 1937, priest 1938; Chaplain to the Forces 1939-47; Rector, Milton 1947-53; Vicar, St Mary's, Harrow 1953-61; Rector of the Hilborough Group 1961-72; vatory watching the bird-table Chaplain to the Queen 1962-77; Vicar of Ranworth and Chaplain ish water-pistol with which he squirted starlings guilty of frightening smaller birds away. for the Norfolk Broads 1972-77; Honorary Canon of Norwich 1965-77; Bishop Suffragan of Thetford 1977-80; married 1944 Mrs Freda Davis (two sons, one daughter); died Ditchingham, Norfolk 15 October 1995.

Hughie Charles

Hughie Charles managed three careers in one lifetime, song plugger, theatrical producer and most significantly popular soogwriter. Between the years 1936 and 1945 he wrote or collaborated oo around 50 published songs, at least two of which have become acknowledged British "standards". 'There'll Always be an England" and "We'll Meet

Born in Manchester in 1907, Charles showed an early aptitude for both music and sport but despite an offer to try out with the Lancashire cricket club he decided to continue in the

musical field, honing his writing and playing skills with his own Accar daine band.

The Pan Alley in Lord to be and the singing and promoting his own and other people's songs. In 1938, working with grother young working with another young hopeful Ross Parker, they composed their first hit "I Won't Tell Soul (that I love you)", which Roy Fox, Mantovani, Victor Sylvester and also Lew Stone with vocal by AI Bowlly.

A number of modest successes followed for the team of Charles and Parker leading to a commission to write for the film Discoveries, a variety compilation inspired by Carroll Levis's talent-spotting radio and stage shows, starring Doris Hare and Issy Bonn, among others. The film was in the can and had even been previewed in the last week of August 1939 when world events sent Redd Davis, the producer, racing back to the composers with a plea to save the film with some sort of

patriotic finale.
"There'll Always be an England", trilled by the 10-year-old

Glyn Davies accompanied by a chorus, military band, Union Jacks and cast of hundreds had been composed, filmed and edited on to the end of Discoveries in a breathtaking three and a half weeks and seemed to capture the spirit of the country. By November 1939 the song was oumber one in sheet music sales, the first purpose-written hit of the Second World

The song briefly reappeared in 1941 after America's arrival in the war. While Deanna Durbin sang Thank You America" in the American print of Nice Girl?, "There'll Always be an England" was included in the British and Commonwealth versions. Throughout 1940 and for

the duration of the war Charles continued to write ballads and comic songs with Ross Parker and later with some of Denmark Street's most reliable names. Leo Towers, Don Pelosi and Noel Gay, who produced such topical hits as "When They was recorded by the bands of Sound The Last All Clear", "Silver Wings in the Moonlight", "Potato Pete" (based on the Ministry of Food's cartoon character), "I Shall Be Waiting" and of course "We'll Meet Again". His last song, "Till All Our Prayers are Answered". written in collaboration with Sonny Miller, was published in February 1945.

As well as songwriting activities, at the outbreak of war Charles had takeo over the running of his publishers Irwin Dash and later worked in the management of the Noel Gay organisation. Meaowhile the bandleader and impresario Jack Hylton was expanding his entertainment interests and at the end of hostilities invited Charles to join him. Charles ul-

timately became Hylton's general manager and right-hand

Hylton's team brought American shows such as Colc Porter's Kiss Me Kate, Irving Berlin's Call Me Madam and the sumptuous Kismet into the West End. Nearer to home. Charles was closely involved with the Crazy Gang shows at the Victoria Palace, and from the start of ITV in 1955 the Hylton organisation produced variety shows for Associated-Rediffusion, starring comedians and singers such as Arthur Askey, Tony Hancock, Anne Shelton and Flanagan and Allan (many of which have now beeo restored and screened at

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the National Film Theatre). Wheo Hyltoo begain scaling down his British operations to the 1960s Charles took up the atrical production in his own right and was responsible for numerous pantomimes and seaside shows including the legendary "Fol-de-Rols" who continued touring for the rest of the decade. He retired to Heathfield in Sussex in the 1970s and received the Soogwriters Guild of Great Britain Lifetime Achievement award in

Ironically his work may be best known by recent generations for the soundtrack performance of Vera Lynn's version "We'll Meet Again' accompanying shots of an atomic mushroom cloud at the end of Stanley Kubrick's Dr Strangelove (1964).

Alexander Gleason

Hugh Charles, songwriter, theatre producer and promoter: born 1907; married first Dolly Elsie (died 1961, three sons), secondly Joan Mann; died Eastbourne 6 October 1995.

Births. Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

KOSHY: On 7 October 1995, Philip Chenathra, suddenly but peacefully at 5t George's Hospital, Tooting, Dearly loved husband of Yvonne and devoted father of John. The fu-neral has already taken place.

neral has already taken place.

MacDONALD: Dr. Andrew Peter James, of heart failure, aged 46, on 14 October. Beloved partner of Marilyn, father of Emily, Doon and Lucy, son of Phyl and the late Dr. James MacDonald, brother of Robert, Peter and Kate. Adored by all his family and many friends, he will be deeply missed. Private cremation. Memorial service at St. Andrew's Church, Paddock Wood, Kent, at tpm on Friday 10 November. Donations if desired to Harefield Hospital Fund Scanner. Appeal, Hill End. Road, Harefield, Middlesex UB9 6JH.

IN MEMORIAM JOHNSON: Peter. Happy birthday, Peeps, love you forever, Warren.

For Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES &

Lectures Victoria and Albert Museum: Nan-

cy Osborn, "Motifs in European Ornament", 230pm. British Museum: Jan Fontein, "Sur vival Against All Odds: Korean cultural treasures", 1.15pm Slade Centre for the History and Theory of Art. London WC1: Professor nilippe Van Haute, "Death and Sublimation: Antigone in Lacan's seminar VII. The Ethics of Psychoanaksis", opm.

Birthdays

clergy larger fields to work in.

Blackhurne approached the a coumber of able curates who

Sir Timothy Bell, chairman, Lowe Bell Communications, 54: Mr Chuck Berry, rock and roll singer, 69; Sir Michael Burton, ambassador to the Czech Republic, 58; Lord Clark of Kempston, former MP, 78; Professor Timothy Clark, Dean and Professor of Pulmonary Medicine, National Heart and Lung Institute, 60; Lord Cooke of Isandreagh, chairman, Springvale EPS, 75; Mr Geordie Dun, amateur jockey, 37; Lord Elis-Thomas, former MP, 49; Mr Samuel Galbraith MP, 50; Mr Harold Hankins, Principal, University of Man-chester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST), 65; Lord Kim-ball, former MP, 67; Miss Martina Navratilova, tennis player, 39; Sir James Nursaw QC, former HM Solicitor, 63; Sir Joseph Pope, di-rector, TQ International, 81; Dr Kate Pretty, Principal, Homerton College, Cambridge, 50; Lady Saltoun, chief of Clan Fraser, 65: Mr George C. Scott, actor, 68; Mr Gladstone Small, cricketer, 34; Mr Michael Stich, tennis champion, 39; Mr Dick Tiverne QC, director, PRI-MA Europe, 67; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Terry, former Governor of Gibraltar, 69; Mr Pierre Trudeau, former Prime Minister of Canada, 76; Vice-Admiral Sir James Willis, former Chief of Naval Staff, Australia,

Anniversaries

Births: Giovanni Antonio Canale (Canaletto), painter, 1697; Peter II, Tsar of Russia, 1715; Pierre Choderlos de Lacios, artillery officer and author, t741; Sûr Samuel Luke Fildes, painter, 1844; James Truslow Adams. iistorian, 1878; Fannie Hurst, novelist, 1889; Melina Mercouri (Amalia-Maria Mercouri). Greek inister of culture and former ac-

tress, 1917. Deaths: Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1541; Sarah Jennings. Duchess of Mariborough, 1744; Hen-ry John Temple, third Viscount Palmerston, statesman, 1865; Charles Faintenston, Statesman, 1005; Charles Babbage, mathematician and com-puter inventor, 1871; Charles-François Gounod, composer, 1893; Alfred Binet, psychologist, 1911; Thomas Alva Edison, inventor, 1931; Elimbath Andre (Elizabeth Arden (Florence Nightin-gale Graham), cosmetics company founder, 1966; Pierre Mendès-France, statesman, 1982. On this day: the Edict of Nantes was revoked by King Louis XIV of France, 1685; the last state lottery was chawn in Britain, 1826; Alaska was officially transferred to the United States by Russia, 1866; the British Broadcasting Company (later Corporation) was formed, 1922; Rheims Cathedral was recon-secrated, 1937; Erich Honecker resigned as head of the East German state, 1989; Hungary was proclaimed a free republic, with an end to Com-

Receptions

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Jeremy Hanley MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs hosted a reception yesterday in the Locarno Room at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London SWt, for the British

st rule, 1989. Today is the Feast

Day of St Gwen of Cornwall St Jus-

tus of Beanvais and St Luke.

Luncheons

Foreign and Common Sir Nicholas Bonsor Bt MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Com-monwealth Affairs, hosted a lunch held vesterday at Lancaster House. London SWt, for Dr Juraj Schenk, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the **Byron Society** Lord Byron presided at a meeting of

the Byron Society held yesterday evening at St Ermin's Hotel, London SW1. Dr Peter Cochran and Mr Michael Rees spoke on "Byron's Biographers". Mr Derek Wise was the chairman. Among those present

Professor Anne Barton; Mary, Countess o Bessborough; The Hon Dominick Browne; Di and Mrs Edward Carpenter; Mr Michael Foot Lord Gilmour of Crafgenillar; Indith, Count est of Listowel; Sir Frank Roberts.

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Butterworth, Chairman, Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a dinner discussion held jointly with the Parish Chamber of Commerce and Industry yesterday evening at the Palace of the President of the French Senate, Paris. M Joel de Rosnay and Sir Richard Sykes spoke on "Innovation and Compet-

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS
The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinbergh, thends the Annual Nazional Service for Sentances at S. Paul's Cathedral, London ECA. The Duke of Edinbergh, Paul's Cathedral, London ECA. The Duke of Edinburgh, Paul's Cathedral, London ECA. The Duke of Edinburgh, Paul's Cathedral, London ECA. The Prince; and an Marker, attended the Thirty House Civic Lunch at Thirty House, London ECA. The Prince of Wales houst a hundr for the Millemition Commissioners at 8t Jesus's Paleses; and amenda the Royal Film Performance in aid of the Entertainment Artisics' Benevolient Found at the Empire, Leincester Square, London WC2. The Duke of Work, Patron, attends a lunch at the Filest Air Ann Marchun, Noovillen, Somerset, The Princess Rayal, President, Sove the Children Fand, attends the Annual Public Morting, Westminster Central Hall, London SWI; as Patron, National Astociation of Chilens Advise Bureaux, London SWI; as President, Reithis Kaitting and Cothing Espont Courcil, with Annual Red, Regent Street, London WI; and at Predictor, British Kniting and Cothing Espont Courcil, with Aspassmings, Regent Street, London Vi; and at Predictor, British Kniting, and Cothing Espont Courcil, with Aspassming, Regent Street, London Wi; and at Predictor, British Kniting, Res Cothing Espont Courcil, with Aspassmings, Regent Street, London Wi; and at Predictor, British Kniting, Res Cothing Espont Courcil, with Aspassmings, Regent Street, London Wi; and at Predictor, British Roman, Regent Street, London Wi; and at Predictor, British Kniting, Res Street, London Wi; and at Predictor, British Kniting, Res Street, London Wi; and at Predictor, British Kniting, Res Street, London Wi; and at Predictor, British Kniting, Res Street, London Wi; and at Predictor, British Kniting, Res Street, London Wi; and at Predictor, British Kniting, Res Street, London Wi; and at Predictor, British Kniting, Res Street, London Wi; and at Predictor, British Kniting, Res Street, London Wi; and Res Street, London Wi; and Res Street, London Wi; and Res Stre

Changing of the Guard

Lloyd's names damages subject to income tax Decay v Gooda Walker Ltde LAW REPORT

Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Simon Brown, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Saville); October 1995

Damages recovered by Lloyd's names in their actions against their agents for negligence in conducting the names' underwriting businesses were profits arising from their underwriting business and subject to income

tax under Schedule D. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Saville dissenting) dismissed an appeal by the defendant Lloyd's managing agents and members' agents from Mr Justice Potter's decision that damages recovered by the plaintiffs were subject to in-come tax under Schedule D in

the plaintiffs' hands. The plaintiffs, Lloyd's names who had suffered heavy underwriting losses, sued the defendants claiming damages in tort and in contract for the failure by the defendants to exercise reasonable skill and care in conducting the business of underwriting oo behalf of the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs were awarded damages of about £300m. Special statutory provisions had been enacted in relation to the taxation of Lloyd's names. Section 171(1) of the Finance Act 1993 provides that income tax for any year of as-

sessment oo the profits arising

from a member's underwriting husiness shall be computed on

the profits of that year of assessment. Tax was chargeable under case 1 of Schedule D under section 18(1) the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 in respect of profits from any trade carried on in the UK. The agents argued that the damages did not arise "from the trade" of a name within section 18(1).

Bernard Eder QC, Philip Baker and Simon Bryan (Elborne Muchell)) for the agents; Geoffrey Vos QC, John Walters and David Lord (Wilde Sapte) for the names, Ian Glick QC and Launcelot Henderson QC (Inland Revenue Solicitor) for the Revenue.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson said that the central issue was whether the treatment of the damages for tax purposes was governed by two decisions: London & Thames Haven Oil Wharves Ltd v Attwooll [1967] Ch 772 and Donald Fisher (Ealing) Ltd v Spencer [1989] STC 256. In Attwooll, Lord Justice Diplock formulated the general replacement principle in relation to compensation received by a trader.

Where, pursuant to a legal right, a trader receives from another person compensation for the trader's fail-

une to receive a sum of money which, if it had been received, would have been credited to the amount of profits (if any) arising in any year from the trade carried on by him at the time when the compensation was so received, the compensation is to be treated for income terms. be treated for income tex purposes in the same way as that sum of mon-ey would have been treated if h had heen received, instead of the

In the Fisher case, the court applied the tests laid down in Attwooll. The approach that must be adopted was that propounded in Attwooll and applied in Fisher. In answer to the first ques-

tioo - what were the damages paid for? - the answer was they were paid for the trading loss caused to a name through the negligent cooduct of the name's underwriting business by the defendants, the damages being intended to put the name in the same position as if the underwriting had been com-petently performed. Had the defendants protected the name's exposure by adequate reinsurance, the name would have received the proceeds of that reinsurance.

There was no material difference between such insurance recoveries and the actual recovery made through an action

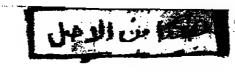
for damages. Once one identified the source of the right to damages as the negligence of the defendants as agents of the plaintiffs in conducting the plaintiffs underwriting businesses, it was clear that the compensation did arise from the trade.

The answer to the second question - would the sums of money, for which the names were compensated, have been income receipts of the underwriting husinesses? - there could be no doubt but that the reinsurance proceeds would have had to be brought into account in the computation of the profits and losses of the underwriting businesses.

Lord Justice Saville, dissenting, said that the replacemeot principle could not be accepted and the test was whether the receipt in question arose from the underwriting business. The damages did not arise from the name's underwriting business.

Lord Justice Simon Brown. agreeiog with Lord Justice Peter Gihson, said that the plain fact was that the proper conduct of business from time to time required resort to the law to recover sums of money which would otherwise he lost to the business's

Ying Hui Tan, Barrister



Politicians have always been reluctant to take the blame for failure. Jack O'Sullivan looks at some who made their excuses and left

So when should a minister resign?

Michael Howard's unwillingness even to consider resignation over the Whitemoor and Parkhurst iail breaks should come as no surprise. After all, James Prior hung on to his post as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in 1983, when more than 30 IRA immates escaped from the Maze prison. Some are still at large.

Many look back to a golden age, with ministers falling on their swords whenever the performance of their departments was found wanting. But that time never existed. Ministers gen-erally stay in their jobs at least until the next reshuffle, almost regardless of how badly they have performed their tasks. Lord Carrington was the last to dispatch himself honourably when in 1982 he resigned as Foreign Secretary, along with his fellow ministers Humphrey Atkins and Richard Luce. They took responsibility for failing to anticipate the Argentine inva-sion of the Falkland Islands.

Prior to that, the last resignation for ministerial failure had been by

REASONS FOR MINISTERIAL RESIGNATIONS SINCE WWZ

Sir Thomas Dugdale, who left the Ministry of Agriculture in 1954 over the "Crichel Down" affair, a scandal concerning the Government's failure to return land to its rightful owners after the Second World War. Sir Thomas had had no personal involvement in the mistakes made by his officials, yet still stepped down. At the time, Sir Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, reflecting general surprise at this noble act, saluted Sir Thomas's sense of honour as

Contrast his behaviour with Nor-man Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who failed to resign in 1992, when Britain was forced ignominiously to leave the Exchange Rate Mechanism after a day of fina cial chaos. He survived until forced out in a reshuffle. Likewise, James Callaghan merely moved sideways to

"chivalrous in a high degree".

the position of Home Secretary in 1967, after devaluation made his position as Chancellor untenable. Sexual or financial scandals, par-

ticularly in recent years, have been far more likely than administrative fail-ure to destroy a ministerial career. Churchill's government of 1951-55 was free of such scandals, whereas they claimed four ministers under Edward Heath (1970-74). John Major has lost a record seven frontbeach colleagues as a result of public controversies, including Jonathan Aitken, Neil Hamilton, Michael Mates, David Mellor, Tim Yeo and the Earl of Caithness

Looking back over the period since the war, a great cultural divide

between the Conservative and Labour parties becomes apparent. Not a single Labour minister has resigned since 1945 because of his or her sexual behaviour. This compares with numerous philandering Tories. And the only financial scandal to oust a Labour minister was the fall of John Beicher from the Board of Trade in 1948, for, as he said in his resignation letter, "the acceptance of gifts and hospitality from shady wheeler-deal-ers" in the whisky industry. In contrast there have been six post-war Tory res-

ignations over financial scandals.

Labour politicians specialise in leaving office over points of principle. Nine parted from the Wilson/ Callaghan Labour government of 1974-79 on matters ranging from opposition to EC membership (Eric Heffer) and distaste for education cuts (Joan Lestor) to Reg Prentice's general disenchantment with his party. They followed a long Labour

tradition, noisily exemplified by

George Brown, the deputy Labour leader, who resigned in 1968 over "the

way the Government is run". Such principled resignations often but do not necessarily prove fatal to a politician's ambitions. Harold Wilson became Prime Minister in 1964,

years after

resigning from Attlee's cabinet. Likewise, Michael Heseltine became deputy premier in 1995, nine years after storming out of Downing Street when he failed to win agreement that Westland helicopters should be rescued by a European consortium in preference to an American buyer.

The Thatcher government, per-haps because it had such a strong ideological flavour, was the only postwar Conscrvative administration to shed ministers over principle at a rate that compared with Labour governments. Thus, Ian Gow, Nigel Lawson and Sir Geoffrey Howe all left top jobs after falling out with Margaret Thatcher. But none returned to office. As Mr Howard has realised, the tried and tested way to get on in politics is never to say sorry and never to resign.



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VICKY WARD

lan Fleming aficionados are in for a terrible shock. Capitalism has robbed James Bond of his favourite tipple – I fear we shall never again hear that immortal phrase: "One dry Martini [lift of eyebrow] – shaken, not stirred" on our hero's lips. In the forthcoming Bond film, Goldeneye, 007 acquires a peculiar penchant for Smirnoff Black vodka. This has nothing to do with the personal preferences of the new Bond actor, Pierce Brosnan, but is the result of Smirnoff having stumped-up megabucks for the privilege of having Bond consume their label

There is worse, however. Not content with tampering with Bond's drinks, the producers are now messing with the cast's sartorial style. Tradition has it that the villain wears a Savile Row suit cut almost as sharply as 007's himself – a sign of just how dangerous the enemy is. In the new film, Bond's adversary will sport a quite revolting garment – a black T-shirt with the logo "Wired" (after the futuristic magazine) emblazoned on it. Even if the garment was not so disgusting, surely such blatant advertising in what ought to be a cult classic should be banned? This debate is currently causing something of a rift in my household, because one of those hoping — nay, praying — to reap the commercial advantages of the new brand-boosting Bond is my husband, Matthew—he is, alas, UK publisher of Wired. The campaign against creeping cultural commercialisation starts here!



No vodka in those Cold War days

Speaking of altering tradition, I do not recommend opera purists to attend tomorrow's opening night of Purcell's The Fairy Queen at the English National Opera in central London. The opera is based on Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, but in this production the director, David Pountney, has decided to give weird and wacky names to Titania's followers. Time in addition

to the already exotic Peaseblossom, Moth, Cobweb, and Mustardseed, new characters are named "Tea", "Toast", "Grace", "Favour",
"Tantevabogas" (don't ask me!) and
"Mum Poker".

"There's no point trying to find any meaning in the names," Pountney has helpfully confided. And I guess one should not be surprised that for the last act, containing the unptials, the whole cast should pretend to have been whisked off to China - "a glorious Maoist wonderland".

"It's all dreadfully obscure," comments Pountney gleefully. Or just plain dreadful? We shall have to wait till tomorrow to see.

Throughout the ages novelists, poets and theorists have transformed the birth metaphor into a weary cliché, but now an author has enacted it. While Helena Drysdale's publicist was leaving a message on her answerphone telling her that she had ninated for the imaginatively titled "Esquire, Apple, Waterstone's non-fiction award", Ms Drysdale shricked - and gave birth. "I was midcontraction in a birth tank in the

kitchen when I heard the answer machine go off," she says. "I could hear the wonderful news but couldn't

exactly go and pick up the phone."

The winner will be announced tomorrow and Ms Drysdale's book: Looking for Gheorghe, is reckoned to have a good chance. It tells how the author went to Romania to find a former lover she had not seen for 12 years, only to uncover the horrific circumstances of his death. Now she is married to an art dealer with whom she has two children. "The newly born Xanthe is the second arrival," she explains, "but I suppose I should have called her Esquire or Waterstone."



Too busy to get to the phone

David Hill, one of the five Labour spin doctors in Blackpool last week to "rebut lies, expose divisions, and reveal what is the real agenda of the conference", was spotted practising his trade only a few days earlier outside Soho's Garrick Club, accompanied by Sir Robin Day and Roy Hattersley MP. "An animated discussion commenced in the street about the pronunciation of Rioja," says an eye-witness. "Sir Robin was convinced you should say Rioaka, as in oak tree. Hill rebutted him and said it was riocka as in rock." Impasse - until the trio dissolved into laughter when Hattersley suggested they consult the only man likely to know the definitive answer ... yep, that's the one, Michael Portillo.

Yesterday my telephone rang and a very weebegone voice said: "Vicky, you don't think I'm a blusterer, do you?" It belonged to Terry Major-Ball, the Prime Minister's brother, who is distraught at an item in yesterday's Daily Telegraph about a

BBC2 programme to be shown later this month, which, it said, features him "blustering around Europe."

I don't think they know the meaning of the word "to bluster", said Terry,
"but it's very offensive." Indeed it is. It
means, "to storm boisterously" or, as a
noun, "noisy self-asserting talk, threats etc". Memo to Daily Telegraph: I know Mr Major-Ball pretty well. He is never noisy, nor boisterous, nor selfasserting and as for threatening - a caged canary is more threatening, a fact proved when Mr Major-Ball rang up the acting editor to complain, but did not get past his secretary "because," he says "I didn't want her

Last week m'colleague John Walsh took the mickey out of me for advising Nick Cave, the long-baired rock star, to try out the 19th-century author Wilkie Collins. Far from poking fun at me, Mr Walsh should have been rejoicing that we were able to converse at all, because the start of my dialogue with Mr Cave was the most unpromising exchange I have ever experienced. It went: Me: "Hello. I'm the only person in

to think I was taking it out on her."

this room who hasn't got a cine who you are." Him: "Oh, that's OK. I haven't got a clue who you are." Pause. Me: "You look like a rock star." Him: "I am." Pause.

Me: "But you look very clean for a rock star." Him: "Yeah, well. I just got out of the bath ...*

To get to crime literature from here is, I feel, nothing short of a miracle. But Cave's fantastically good manners helped enormously. He even told a complete lie just to make me feel at ease. "Yeah," he said, nodding: "I don't really know who Blur is either."

My note last week about Sir Laurence Martin debating against Colonel Gaddafi at the Cambridge Union has raised his eyebrows. He is not, to his knowledge, doing any such thing. It seems the Union president forgot to tell his colleagues that Sir Laurence had cancelled. Gaddafi, however, could still be in the running.

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The dream of Gummerius

he strains of Elgar swell and our men-I tal cameras pan the lush fields, the flowered hedgerows, the gnarled oaks and ivy-clad cottages of rural Britain. We all love the countryside; those few of us who actually live in it, those who aspire to it and the great majority who simply like to visit ii. On the whole we believe that it should he preserved or enhanced, a living counterpoint to the dirty, exciting world of town and city. And yesterday the Environment Secretary. John Gummer, unveiled a White Paper (one year in the making) designed, he claimed, to do just

It recognises that the physical depradations of industrial-scale agriculture have been followed by a hollowing out of village communities. Scarce housing stock has been bought up by commuters whose work takes them to cities during the day, by second home owners and by retired people who want to keep themselves apart. Younger villagers have been forced out by a lack of housing, services and as agricultural employment has declined - by the lack of jobs. The new countrydwellers have exacerbated this through their adeptness at opposing any development that threatens the perfection of their rural retreat. Village shops have closed, unable to compete with the cornucopia available a short Volvo-ride away in the

out-of-town hypermarket.

Not all of this has been inevitable. Much of it has happened because badly constructed subsidies have encouraged undesirable outcomes. Farmers have been given money to grow more than we need and cut down hedgerows and trees to do it. We have subsidised commuting through free motorways and cut-price

railways. Store chains have been allowed to build hypermarkets on greenfield sites.

To his credit John Gummer has recognised all this and more. The White Paper sets itself the task of ushering in a new era of policy explicitly designed to assist the preservation and enhancement of a "living countryside". And many of its provisions will find wide support. On services, it proposes to assist small general stores and post offices with rates relief. It suggests a greater role for parish councils - especially in the area of community transport. It allows for a limited and sensitive relaxation of planning constraints on the setting up and accommodation of new husinesses. It recommends a Rural Char-ter, allowing the special needs of country customers to be addressed in the service measurement of service providers.

Fine and good. Together these measures should improve things. Yet on the central question of housing, the White Paper is far from convincing. True, the right of housing association tenants to buy will not be applied in small villages, thus preserving a stock of social housing for the less well off. But this will have only a marginal impact on the availability of low-cost housing. So we are left with the intention to "produce a discussion paper on the options for accommodating necessary housing development". Given that the problem is what it has ever been - how to reconcile the need for new housing with the desire to avoid gobbling up more fields

- this is a disappointing return on a year's work. No one can pretend that the politics of Nimbyism are easy, but Mr Gummer seems to have run from the fight. Until there is leadership on this point, any

It's time to break the Bank

N ow it is Singapore's turn to point the finger. The Bank of England's report in July on the collapse of Barings Bank hlamed the rogue trader Nick Leeson, along with serious internal Barings management failures. The report produced for the Singapore authorities yesterday goes one step further by suggesting that particular individuals within Barings knew and tried to hide what was going on.

It is gripping stuff, but the central public policy question remains the same: does Britain have the best possible arrangements for supervising its banks?

It has to be recognised that no system will be flawless. A clever fraudster will always be able to find a loophole and, given the speed of modern financial transactions, hig sums can vanish before the hole is scaled.

The challenge is to mitigate the damage and prevent crime or incompetence in one area of the financial markets infecting everything else. If London is to continue to thrive as a centre of international finance, it needs a regulatory regime which is clever, fast-moving and effective, one which is neither ton light nor too heavy. It must, in short, inspire confidence.

The Bank and the Chancelior argue that things are just fine as they are. They are wrong. The time has come to tell the Bank that it should concentrate on the vital task of safeguarding the value of our money, rather than running around worrying about phantom derivatives accounts in overseas branches of London investment banks.

change is that the Bank's credibility is unavoidably damaged when it fails to spot a Barings or a BCCL You would not catch the Bundesbank with this kind of mud on its hands. Also, these days, it does not make sense to have separate regulators for what are, in effect, different kinds of banks - namely building societies and securities dealers.

Ken and Eddie argue that this would be no more than shifting the furniture: the same people would do the supervisory joh, just under a different name. Even if this were true, and there is no reason why it should be, clarifying the purpose and structure of an organisation especially a public organisation - is always a good thing. It increases transparency, and helps everyone else to work out exactly who is responsible.

A better argument is that the Bank's monetary managers would continue to need to know almost as much as the supervisors about what is going on in the banking world, hecause they need to track how much money hanks are lending. Also, a hig bank in trouble represents trouble for the whole economy, not just the institution and its customers. In a real crisis, it would still be the Bank's lifeboat sailing to the rescue.

None of these, however, are large difficulties. They have been dealt with satisfactorily in numerous other countries. It is time for the Government to recognise that the merits of creating separate, credible and well-focused institutions outweigh the costs of change.

ANOTHER VIEW Kit Chalcraft

The most persuasive argument for

Priests for the people

The almost liturgical response of the Bishop of Norwich to my third marriage and subsequent dismissal is that "the matter is closed", or that "a line can be drawn under this sad episode". He said it when he dismissed me a year ago, he said it to my churchwardens un the only occasion that he agreed to speak to them nine months ago, and his spokesman said it at the conclusion of Monday's industrial tribunal. I may be forgiven for saying that he is wrong. The saga that followed my dismissal as priest-in-charge of the Hilboruugh group of churches will continue

because the church is in need of reform, It is one thing to conclude - as the tribunal did - that a clergyman is not an employee, and therefore not subject to secular employment laws, but much harder to say what he actually is. As a result of the present climate of change we find ourselves with a two-tier system of parish priests. These are firstly the possessors of freeholds, that is vicars or rectors, and secondly those with no security

at all, namely priests-in-charge. Both categories do the same work for the same money, but their job protection bears no resemblance. Whereas it is extremely difficult to remove vicars or rectos from their jobs, a priest-in-charge is dismissable on the say-so of his bishop. He can become one of the church's many casualties who have either been sacked or, more insidious, "made to resign". I have sought to highlight this anomaly, and the plight of those outcasts for whom there

is no safety net. 1 did not seek reinstatement or financial reward and was not concerned with winning or losing.

With dwindling church commissioners' funds prioritised for clergy pensions, local congregations must pay more towards their parsons. They should have more say in appointing them in the first place instead of, as was the case in Norfolk, having them foisted on them against their wishes.

The present policy of adding more and more parishes to fewer and fewer clergy, while charging ever-increasing sums in the form of the quota or parish share - polite terms for a church tax - is counterproductive. It stifles people's involvement. causing indignation and discouragement.

The way to motivate our small rural parishes is for those in authority to say: "If you can find someone acceptable to act as your priest whom you can afford to support, we'll train him and provide the soiritual back-up needed." This system worked well in the days of the early church and could do so again.

Today there are competent Christians willing to play an active role in their local church affairs. It is time that the church involved its people responsibly. A remote, centralised authority pontificating from afar and not giving proper consideration to those it affects is no longer acceptable.

The writer is former priest-in-charge of the Hilborough group of 10 churches near Swaffham, Norfolk.



You scratch my card and I'll scratch yours

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Who takes the blame for prison problems?

From Ms Elizabeth Symons Sir: Your leading article "Howard escapes justice again", (17 October) states that "no one who reads this report will doubt that his [Derek Lewis's] resignation is

appropriate". Derek Lewis did not resign, he was summarily dismissed by the was summarily dismissed by the Home Secretary. Mr Lewis refused to take the "amicable" option offered to him by the Home Secretary the previous day of shouldering the hiame for the ills that have plagued the Prison Service for many years before Mr Lewis took up appointment in January 1993. He had made it clear that he agreed with many of the criticisms in the Learmont. vice is only part of the way through the painful transition to a modern, disciplined, effective and efficient organisation performing its tasks on a consistently reliable basis. His task has been made no easier by three different

Perhaps if the Home Secretary had listened to Mr Lewis's defence of his position, the sense of outrage at his dismissal would be lessened. As it is, before yesterday, he was vouchsafed only two meetings with Mr Howard, totalling less than 45 minutes, to discuss the extensive material he had produced for the

Home Secretary.
We have noticed with interest

the "sources" quoted by Heather Mills ("Howard fires prison chief over debacle", 17 October) who say that Mr Lewis failed to act on specific warnings about poor security at Parkhurst following Judge Stephen Tumim's report. Mr Lewis acted on Judge Tunim's criticisms the day they were received, and reported his actions to the Home Secretary, who expressed satisfaction with the immediate action taken by Mr Lewis - a point he would have made to the Home Secretary

tunity to. Yours sincerely. **ELIZABETH SYMONS** the criticisms in the Learmont General Secretary From MrR. W. Powells report, and that the Prison Ser-FDA: The Association of First. Sir. Could the Montal Division Civil Servants London, SW1 17 October

had he been afforded the oppor-

From Mr Stephen Shaw Sir: As you suggest, Derek for policy seems to have meant Lewis's record as director general of the Prison Service is one of considerable achievement. Contrary to the public image, performance has improved in many areas, and Mr Lewis has given highly visible leadership.

Although the Prison Reform Trust did not agree with every-thing he did, Mr Lewis's problems were not, in the main, of his own making. He was unlucky to preside over the prisons at a time when the population

increased by a quarter. And he could not be hlamed if Michael Howard's obsessive interference in the work of the Prison Service made a mockery of its status as a

Next Steps agency.

Although it is difficult to see that Mr Lewis could continue in post once he had lost the Home Secretary's confidence, the peremptory way in which he has been treated is poor reward for a decent man doing a decent job. Your faithfully; STEPHEN SHAW Prison Reform Trust London, EC1 17 October .

give us an example of a "p decision" taken by him, in which there was at least the possibility

of it turning out badly? Having overall responsibility no more than saying to Derek Lewis something along the lines of: "I want fewer escapes, less drug-taking, no riots at all, if possible. See what you can do.

ing the Home Secretary completely fireproof if anything goes wrong. Yours faithfully, R. W. POWELL

Newbury, Berkshire 17 October

Operatic snobbery | Death by gloves

From Miss Marjorie Dawson Sir: As a member of the working class, I resent Terry Dicks's imputation that I am an "arty-farty type who includes in "corporate entertaining" (report, 16 Octo-ber). Classical music and theatre are my interests, and 1 rejoice that some of my £1-a-week lottery ticket goes to the arts. I attend the Royal Opera House, in the (very) cheap seats, English National Opera (ditto), and various con-cert halls and theatres. Without them my working-class life would be desperately impoverished.

1, conversely, do not seethe with vociferous resentment at the money that goes to sport and to charities, when their turn for allocation of lottery money comes around.

Yours faithfully, MARJORIE DAWSON

From Mr Jeremy Blackall Sir: Andrew Gumbel's attack on Luciano Pavarotti demonstrates exactly the sort of damaging snohbery that erects harriers between what is perceived as "high art" and more popular culture ("Dear Luciano Pavarotti", 16 October).

The public consumption of art in all its forms is largely person-ality driven; everybody loves a star and, be it Austen, Berlioz or Cézanne, it is the people as much as the product that makes the work vital and significant.

Pavarotti's combination of talent and charisma has won a huge new audience for opera, which can no longer claim to be the preserve of the elite. If housewives think "Nessun Dorma" is the soundtrack to a football match, so what? Do we all have to be flucot in Italian to be moved by great music? The potency of music is the issue, be it cheap or expensive, JEREMY BLACKALL

London, E8

From Mr James Mahoney Sir: In 1889 Aeneas Murphy, a navvy from County Mayo who for 40 years had "made a bit on the side" in Liverpool and London as a bare-knuckle fighter died of a heart attack shortly after his last contest in a St John's Wood field. Murphy, my grandmother's grandfather, was 65; he should not have been boxing. However, deaths were unheard of and brain damage uncommon in the days hefore fists were protected by padded gloves, because no man could land heavy punches round after round without breaking the bones of his hands.

Today's professional boxers are fitter than fighters have ever been, with the strength and stamina to mount and sustain the most aggressive attacks; but as the tragic cases of Michael Watson, Bradley Stone, Gerald McClellan, and now Jim Murray demonstrate, no amount of training can reduce the vulnerability of the human hrain to repeated heavy

If licenced boxing is to survive in Britain into the 21st century, and not simply go underground or move to countries where supervision may be less strict. there will need to be changes to the Queensberry and Chambers rules. Though it would inevitably lead to bloodier and shorter contests, the authorities must consider discarding the six-ounce

Yours faithfully, JAMES MAHONEY I6 October

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As policy this is admirable. It has the further advantage of leav-

The status quo vs justice for gays

From Mr Antony Grey Sir: Like all temperamental conservatives, Bryan Appleyard deplores the intrusion of politics into essentially personal aspects of life ("Kiss goodbye to gay politics", 11 October). So do I - but

for different reasons. . While Mr Appleyard and his ilk customarily regard any pre-vailing status quo (however inequitable) as "non-political", I look upon their refusal to recognise injustices, and the consequent need for change, as the cat-alyst that makes the radical sexual politics of feminism and of gay rights inevitable.

Genuine depoliticisation of homosexuality must entail a drastic shift in attitudes, and a sincere desire to reach a lasting, socially just solution. Any such desire is still glaringly lacking on the part of those whom Andrew Sullivan in his new book dubs the "prohibitionists" and the "conservatives", so that the stridency of some gay campaigners that so irks Mr Appleyard is no surprise to me.

That is why Mr Sullivan's proposed solutions, regardless of their merits, will remain so much pie in the sky for the foreseeable future. And it is also why "outing" - however much Bryan Appleyard loathes it - will increasingly come to be seen as a legitimate tool against oppression in cases of hlatant hypocrisy

by public figures.
I agree with Andrew Sullivan that, in these days, the "closet" is no fit place for any selfrespecting gay or hisexual person to lurk in. Yours faithfully, ANTONY GREY London, NW2

15 October The writer was Secretary of the Homosexual Law Reform Society, 1962-70.

Better information on IVF that in a new venture such as this

From Mrs Ruth Deech Sir: You rightly state ("A league some clinics will be wary of the table too far", 12 October) that methods used. However, we and the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority statistical report of in vitro fertilisation and donor insemination clinics' live birth rates should be handled with caution. That is precisely why we have published them only as part of a Patients' Guide giving other relevant advice and information.

You suggest that there are three problems. First, you state that some clinics are too small for data to be reliable, yet the mar-gin for error shown in the Guide deals with this. Patients ask for information, and we would rather give it than withhold it. We should not assume that patients cannot comprehend some elements of the data, and omission would not help them to reach bet-

ter decisions. Second, the information is not out of date. It includes live births up to the end of 1994. It is not recent validated data, simply because the time taken to treat and then report the outcome amounts to at least a year. Nevlive hirth rates change, and it urges patients to ask clinics about

their current pregnancy rates. Third, research and new treatments will not be adversely affected. Any small effects envisaged in the context of preimplantation genetic diagnosis, for example, would be compen-sated for in the way we present the data. This has been the subject of discussion during our consultation process. Our policy is to encourage and facilitate research that will improve treatment.

We are responding to a clear need for good, accurate, usable information. It is not surprising 12 October

From Mr Derek P. Mitchell Sir: With regard to your article about the fate of rabbits on the Isle of Man ("A tale of Flopsy, Mopsy and public enemy No 1", 13 October), the disappearance of the old Rangoon Corporation following the Japanese invasion and occupation of Burma in 1942 and its replacement by a military

One consequence was an increase in the rat population to a dangerous level. The Japanese issued an edict requiring every head of household each week to bring in a specified number of rat-tails to the local centre. The penalty for defaulting was to be taken by truck, along with all those fellow citizens who also had failed in their civic duty, to a dropping-off point near the old Mingladon airfield, about 15 miles away, and left to walk back. 14 October

& Embryology Authority London, E1 From Professor Robert Winston Sir: So, unbelievably, yet another IVF unit has recently opeced in London. I did not refer to my colleagues at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital in my article ("NHS patients deserve the best", 6 October), but they make

practitioners know that patients

want better information than

they have been getting up until

now. That is what we are pro-

viding, and I am sure that we can

continue to work together to

this end. Yours sincerely,

RUTH DEECH

Human Fertilisation

my point so eloquently (Letters, 11 October). What utter foolishness for the

practicable to report any more hard-pressed NHS to further duplicate resources. This means extra salaries for at least two more embryologists, four nursing staff, more medical registrars, ertheless the Guide states that secretaries and counsellors, as well as paying the expenses for using several hundred square metres of space in central London. All this wastage when just a few miles away, with good public transport and excellent parking, there is a world-class unit with a less than five-month NHS waiting list and capacity to take any patients my colleagues care to send to it. Your sincerely, ROBERT WINSTON

Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Hammersmith Hospital London, W12

Bunny peculiar

administration was not a change for the better.

bers making the weekly trudge homewards. But in a comparatively short time almost no one was failing to make the weekly quota and a satisfactory number of tails was being collected, with much self-congratulation all round. Until, that is, several rat breeding farms were discovered in and around the city, all making a useful living - selling tails.

At first there were large num-

The Department of Agricul-ture in the Isle of Man has learnt a lesson at a cost of £92,400 - a lesson the Japanese learnt in Burma more than 50 years ago at the cost of face.

Perhaps the rabbits of Man should be left to be controlled by their natural predators; always assuming that these have not been the subject of an earlier campaign of elimination. Yours faithfully, DEREK P. MITCHELL

Pott Shrigley, Cheshire

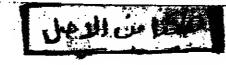
Do it matter?

From Dr Meridel Holland Sir: There is a real difference between time-honoured and charming dialect usage, as valued by Pam Ayres (Another View, 13 October) and many others, and the creeping bane of the new illiteracy. Forms such as "should of", "might of went", beloved of believe that their protests will the nation's youth, do not yet appear in print.

It is possible that we are living in an age of transition, after which the new illiteracy will 13 October

have turned into the time-honoured: after all, modern French no doubt developed from a Latin that would have made Cicero turo in his grave. During the transitional era, however, there is bound to be protest as long as there are those who care about the standard spoken and written language, and who make a difference. Yours faithfully,

MERIDEL HOLLAND Hitchen, Hertfordshire



comment

Politicians are the true philistines

Large grants to the arts always provoke an outcry. But we should be wary of just who is complaining

A nother shriek of horror went up can tradition bave used their national culture as a binding force to create a and politicians on the announcement this week of £42m lottery arts money for London's Sadler's Wells dance house and the Globe Theatre, "It's Tutu Much!", said the Sun; "This money is going to arty-farty types" was from Terry Dicks, Conservative MP; and even "It makes me mad that the great and good push their interests" from the Labour MP Tony Banks. Here we go, here we go, art-phobia on the rampage. Britain's head-butting philistines make us look like the yob

culture of Europe.

But is that what we are really like? True, the French and Germans traditionally spend more on arts. But the munificence of the lottery will soon change that. The fundamental difference has not been among the British people, but among the politicians. For their nefarious political ends both left and right have deliberately misrepresented the arts to the people.

Booming out its old-fashioned populist nostrums, the right tends to see the arts as a left misrepresented.

the arts as a left-wing conspiracy of a perverted elite, while the left mocks most art grants as subsidising rich men's pleasures. Both sides in our destructively elass-based political sys-tem mistake the central part that art plays in civic and national life.

Our monarchy, moreover, draws us back to a romanticised feudal history, a military pageant with the Royal Family usurping the place in our heritage that rightfully belongs to great architects, writers and artists. By contrast, politicians in countries with a republi-

ART THE THE STREET, P. T.

culture as a binding force to create a sense of nationhood, in which literature, painting, theatre and architecture become symbols of pride for the citi-zenry, whether or not they participate. In Australia, the Prime Minister, Paul

Keating, preparing the way for a new republic, is using the arts to create a new sense of Australian identity. His Creative Nation Programme is setting up national arts academies, orchestras and galleries, believing that art and culture form the real life of a nation (and perhaps trying to live down Les Patterson,

legendary Australian Cultural Attaché).
Now, apparently, Tony Blair is
thinking of using the arts as a key part
of his communitarian vision. In his party conference speech he mentioned literature, poetry and philo-sophy as part of what makes a nation and binds communities. But his commitment still looks absent-minded. Too many in Labour remain tempted by the sirens of cheap populism.
Yet back in Labour's early roots

there was a deep respect for the arts. Culture was not regarded as élitist, but a joy denied to too many. The Workers' Educational Association, Ruskin. College and countless early artistic groups thought making art and literature available to the people as impor-. tant as bringing them health and education. Leading up to the 1964 election, a plethora of writers, painters and thinkers, urged on by Jenny Lee, who became minister for the arts, supported Labour, mingling closely with the poblicians, adding idealistic lustre and philosophical calibre.



But by the Seventies Labour had lost that vision of high art for every-one. Instead, a mindless lefty view of art-for-the-people often delivered bad art to tiny coteries of other lefties in small and dismal venues shunned by sensible people in favour of Hollywood movies in comfortable cinemas. Good art was for toffs, a self-ful-

filling dictum.

The Tories have never much liked the arts. The grandees only like it if they can buy it at Sotheby's, entertain the Japanese with it in boxes, or drink champagne in its intervals. Most of the non-grandees hate it all. Certainly a taste for the avant garde is not a Con-servative value. Like most politicians, Mrs Thatcher was profoundly uninterested, either as a personal pleasure or as a part of national life. She saw the arts purely instrumentally, a useful tool to bring in the tourists (£2bn

In the past few years high art and mass culture have intertwined themselves in surprising ways, breaking down barriers, the three tenors singing at a World Cup concert, Kiri Te Kanewa serenading rugby fans, mass and begun to appreciate the civic together in a national pride worth opera in rock stadiums, or Torville and value of the arts. A random list: Birm-more than Trooping the Colour.

Dean dancing to Ravel. There is no longer such a chasm between art and popular culture, and Classic FM's

All the evidence is that the anti-art loud-mouths are out of touch, and not only among the young. Ontside the Commons on Monday angry pen-sioners lobbied their MPs to protest about the closure of Bart's hospital in London. One of them, from Chris Smith's Islington constituency, shouted out, on spotting him, a jubi-lant celebration of the Sadler's Wells grant, and added indignantly, "How dare they say it's just for toffs!"

The politicians are not solely to blame, however. In the past the cultured classes have contributed to Britain's apparent art-phobia. After the First World War the Bloomsbury group. led by Virginia Woolf and Lytton Stra-chey, set the tone for a frighteningly aloof and rebarbative arts establishment. Despising bourgeois values, their cultural snobbery damagingly encour-aged middle England's view of itself as a sensible art-free zone. It wasn't what the Bloomsbury set actually wrote or painted, but the arrogant tilt of their noses that encouraged lesser mortals to think art was not for them, an attitude that lasted far too long. The cobwebs of Bloomsbury began

to be blown away in the Sixties, when pop culture mingled with other arts, and youth culture tore down the ivory towers. The lottery windfall comes at a time when local authorities at last have caught on to the popular mood ingham's new civic centre is enlivened with fountains and sculptures; Gateshead finds its mighty Claes Oldenberg bottle sculpture drawing people from all over Europe; Birmingham's hugely popular new concert hall is to be followed by another for Manchester. Recently the Tate Gallery had to close its doors on two ordinary Sundays, as so many people were try-ing to get in. The Tate's new South Bank development, the regeneration of the old South Bank Festival Hall complex, a major performing arts

house for Cardiff will follow shortly, and all will be hugely popular.
The national curriculum now obliges schools to teach art and music not only as low-level kindergarten activities, but as a serious appreciation of the great works, too. The explosion of jobs in the arts and media is prodding the young towards the arts. Lot-tery money is creating projects for our best architects, many of whom have had to do most of their finest work abroad until now, building other people's great national monuments. We have some of the best regarded young artists in Europe (including Damien Hirst). New York's Vanity Fair carries a 50-page feature celebrating British theatre this month.

So why this grudging spirit? If our engineers or manufacturers were as successful as our arts we would be trumpeting it across the world. And great artistic venues and monuments are things that bind cities and nations together in a national pride worth a lot

Howard blameless: true or false?

Today - a grand Michael Howard quiz! Yes, a chance to show just how much you know about the man who has been described variously as "possibly the present Home Secretary" and "a man with hig glasses who looks not unlike Arthur Askey but isn't half as entertaining". Here we

1. In what circumstances can vou imagine Michael Howard actually taking the blame for

2. Do you think Michael Howard would resign as Home Secretary if: (a) He was asked to?

(b) A gun was put to his head ind he was asked to?

(c) He became so old that he was in the job still after retirement age? (d) He died?

3. Well, in what circumstances can you imagine him resigning, then?
4. Michael Howard is famous for saying that "prison works!" What did he mean by that?

5. Did he mean that it was a deterrent, even though all available research shows the contrary, and even the Lord Chief Justice disagrees?

6. Did he mean that prisoners come out of prison fully determined to become company directors and never sin

7. Did be mean that be is going to lock up everyone in Britain who might possibly commit a crime, so that all potential criminals are behind

bars (unless they escape)?

8. Or did he just think that if be shouted "Prison works!" at a Tory conference, he might get a cheer from people who didn't know what he meant,

9. During his stint as Home Secretary, Mr Howard has announced various multi-point (a) plans for cracking down on crime and violence. How many points altogether have been promised by him? (a) 23 (b) 27 (e) 439 (d) 5,678,000

10. How many of these points has the Home Secretary actually implemented? (a) I

11. If Michael Howard were the judges may be against Mr driving down the street and saw Howard, but at least the Cabimugger attack a passer-by what do you think his immediate course of action would be?

(a) He would personally (b) He would personally ask his chauffeur to intervene.

(e) He would personally set up an independent inquiry into the incident that absolved him of any blame. (d) He would lean out of the window and shout: "If you do

that, you will go to prison for a very, very long time. So if I were you, I should think very seriously indeed about stopping now!"

(e) He would call a press

conference and say that although he personally regret-ted the incident very much, it was not a result of his policies m any way, so he felt no need

to resign.
12. Can you think of anything bad that has been a result of his policies?

13. Can you think of anything at all that has been a result of his policies? 14. Would it be true to say

that when things go wrong it is as a result of Michael Howard's underlings, but that when things go right it is always because of Michael Howard'a

15. When you catch sight of Michael Howard nodding and smiling on TV, what is your reaction?

(a) To nod sagely, saying half out loud: "There, if I am not much mistaken, goes our next prime minister."

(b) To switch off, crying: "Nobody believes a word you say, so why bother? And could



you at least wipe that smug smile off your face?" (e) To turn to your wife,

Norma, as you relax in the pri-vacy of 10 Downing Street, and say: "I asked him to resign again today, you know, but I still can't get any answer out of him.

16. Which of the following statements is nearest to the

(a) 'Although not everyone agrees with Mr Howard, he does at least have the support of the prison service, the judges and the Cabinet."

(b) "Although support for Mr Howard is not unanimous, he

does at least have the backing of the judges and the Cabinet."

(e) "The prison service and

net is fully behind him."

(d) "As far as we know, Mr

Howard bas his wife's full support."
17. From time to time the courts declare that something Mr Howard has done is illegal,

hut he is never sent to prison for it. Why not? 18. Howards End is a knockabout farce based on a home

secretary who refuses to resign. True or false? How many of those questions did you get right? If you

got them all right - well done! If not, I'm afraid you'll have to be sent away to prison for a very

Francis Fukuyama's new thesis goes a long way towards explaining the appeal of Louis Farrakhan

Can we trust the men in suits?



Farrakhan looks to the Far East's economic successes and seeks their social cohesion for blacks. His solutions are a far cry from Luther King's Sixties liberalism

Class in America today represents what is perbaps one of the most thoroughly atomised societies that bas existed in human history." So writes Francis Fukuyama in his new book Trust the Social Virtues and the Creation of Prosperity, published this week. Also this week, 400,000 black men marched on Washington under the leadership of Louis Farrakhan. The quote and the march form a perfect and harmonious, though depress-

ing counterpoint. Fukuyama's book is about what he calls "social capital". This means the social, as opposed to merely economic, structures that make successful societies. Trust lies at the heart of these structures, since it smooths the operation of society, lowering transaction costs and encouraging the for-mation of large corporations, institutions and networks. Social capital precedes capitalism and, when capitalism emerges, softens its worst

Japan, with its elaborate networks and conventions, provides the supreme contemporary model of high trust capitalism. Urban black America, with its guns, drugs and broken families, is the supreme contemporary

model of the failure of trust. Farrakhan has much in common with Fukuyama. Hc, too, sees the importance of social cohesion. He understands how badly the American blacks have performed in comparison with other ethnic minorities. Both men observe the success of the Koreans, the Japanese and the Chinese in America and then both ponder the catastrophic failure of the blacks to form husinesses, law-abiding commu-

nities, stable families, workable lives. Fukuyama blames the deracinating effects of slavery; Parrakhan blames genocidal white racism.

Farrakhan's response is an intense conservatism. The suits and bow ties, the short hair, the demands that black men accept their family responsibilities all represent an attempt to impose a viable social order on the chaos of the inner cities. They also represent a deliberate affront to liberalism and

Once Martin Luther King's civil rights movement could elide effortless into the anti-authoritarian politics of the Sixties. To support King's efforts to raise black consciousness was an essen-tial part of the liberal-hippie package. But Farrakhan's version of black consciousness is nothing to do with sloppy liberalism, with its jeans and niceness, nor with libertarianism and its culturedissolving free-for-all. He wants a culture, he wants suits, bow ties and a sep-arate nation, a nation in which American blacks can, finally, establish their true racial supremacy. He wants a future that inverts the past: a future

of neat blacks and messy whites.

This sort of nightmare has been afflicing American liberals rather a lot lately. Lee Kwan Yew, former prime minister of Singapore, has led an Asian challenge to the intellectual supremacy of the American liberal model. His clinically clean brand of authoritarian capitalism is held up as a reproof to the mess and decadence of American society. Asia, says Lee, doesn't need your rights and your perverse obsession with individual freedom; Asia has its own methods and these will, in time, defeat an atomised America. One way or another, men in suits



The bow ties, the short hair, are a deliberate affront to liberalism

orientals or blacks - are telling liberal Americans that they have got it wrong; that, in time, the suits will prevail. Liberals in their jeans lack the discipline

Both Lee Kwan Yew and Farrakhan are guilty of the most crass simplifications. Lee and the peripatetic Singaporean diplomats who propagate his gospel at conferences around the world say that America in particular and the West in general will destroy themselves because of their crippling burden of ultra-individualism. Individualistic societies will inevitably fragment under the burden of capitalism while Asian societies, with their group consciousness and willing submission to anthority, will cohere all the

more effectively.

Farrakhan insists that only by separating themselves from decadent. sive. white society can the hlacks attain their promised land. The whites, the Jews in particular, are simply the genocidal oppressors. By imposing discipline and group consciousuess the blacks can outflank the

But, as Fukuyama points out, an America of ultra-individualism is almost as much of an illusion as an Asia of solid group loyalty. American capitalism was founded on the group consciousness of protestantism and the abilities to associate and submit to corporate authority. Both IBM and Microsoft would have been unthinkable if American really was an individualistic as the Singaporeans claim. Equally, Chinese-hased societies

do not have the group mentality of the Japanese. They are family-centred and trust is, in the main, only extended through kinship. They may, for the moment, thrive. But can they form large, stable, modern corporations and institutions? Nobody yet knows.

But what about Farrakhan and the blacks he aspires to lead? This is, in many ways, the big question, the ques-tion that comes prior to America's ability to compete with the East. Namely, can America sustain a stable, ethnically plural society when a large proportion of that society – the blacks – is failing to integrate and, in defiance, identifying itself as outcast? If the answer is then booming Asian capitalism is

the least of America's problems. Clearly the Farrakhan solution is the worst possible. A black nation constructed on his principles would be a fantasy land, a hard-line Islamic dictatorship, Iran without the oil or the political sophistication. But, equally clearly, there is something about such racial extremism that works in America. American politics, prohably because of the excessive legalism of the society, are absolutist. Extremism and simplification, frequently from ethnic minorities beyond the reach of liberal criticism, are accepted and celebrated. If you have a strong, simple point, you will be on television and if you are on television, you have a

This is the real problem. Farrakhan and his sinister, shaded henchmen only exist as a political force because of the American need for strong, simple images and strong, simple solutions. They are a symptom of the corrosion of sophistication in American politics. In Fukuyama's terms they are a symptom of the loss of trust, the destruction of social capital. If America persists in such confrontations, based on the airless, legalistic language of rights or the bitter tribalism of race, then there is no hope. Farrakhan may as well bave his nation and OJ Simpson will be forever innocent "because" of white racism.

Can the Americans escape from these increasingly crude confrontations and then, of course, can we? Fukuyama says "social capital is like a ratchet that is more easily turned in one direction than another". In other words: it is easier to lose trust than to rehuild it. Farrakhan is the omen of a trustless world that must fall back on crude tribalism. On Broadwater Farm our own Wayne X apes this grim prophet, happily with little success. But there is still time and any number of baffled, British liberals ready to forgive the unforgivable merely because it is black and even though it wears a suit.

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CITY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

Boardroom shake-up: McGrath wins two-man race for chief executive post Loser in battle for Grand

Met top job could net £1m

Grand Metropolitan, the food and drinks giant, yesterday an-nounced a major boardroom shake-up which saw the abrupt departure of a senior director with a payoff that could come close to £1m.

The move immediately re-ignited controversy over inflated levels of boardroom pay.

The fight for the top chief ex-

ecutive's job came down to a wo-man race. The winner was John McGrath, chairman of the group's vital IDV drinks di-

The loser: David Nash, chief executive of the company's food sector. He will now leave the company with compensation of £790,000, qualify for his bonus payable for the year to September and can cash in share options. The final total is likely to be in excess of £1m.

Triggering the change was the news that the chief executive, George Bull, will take over as chairman when Lord Sheppard steps down as chairman of the Burger King and Haagen-Dazs group next March.

Mr Nash's compensation was immediately criticised by both Labour and in the City. One analyst who viewed the payoff as excessive said: "It seems a fat pile of cash for someone who is

There were also comparisons made between the near £1m pay-off and the £1 an hour wage paid to a Burger King employee earlier this year.

Mr Bull defended the compensation saying: "David Nash s not a 17-year-old looking for a bit of casual labour. He is a very skilled and talented executive." He added that under a re-structure which will also see removal of eight other jobs in Mr Nash's division, his job bad ceased to exist.

Mr McGrath said Mr Nash deserved the bonus payments for his work at the company's food business during the past year, during which he has engineered the company's £1.7bn acquisition of the US foods business Pet in January, and taken responsibility for the Burg-er King chain after the sudden

Grand Met shares closed 6p down at 451p, valuing the company at £9.43bn. However, Mr McGrath's appointment was greeted with a largely positive response in the City.

departure of its chief executive

in the same month.

One drinks industry analyst said: "He is a bit more aware of shareholder value than others in that seat have been. He is a bit more hands-on and aware of the strategic issues and is con-

Making merry: John McGrath (left), and George Bull, currently Grand Met's chief executive Photograph: Financial Times of large institutions do not hold sensual rather than dictatorial." Grand Met shares because of However, some observers their view of the management. feel Grand Met's failure to appoint any fresh blood from out-That is unlikely to change as side the company would count there are no new faces." against it among institutional in-

or DL

There is also promotion for

vestors. One said: "A number Paul Walsh, the 40-year-old



chief executive of the US Pillsbury division. He joins the board today and will take control of Grand Met's European food operations. Bob Lowes will continue as chief executive of Burger King reporting directly to the new chief executive.

Mr Walsh is highly regarded in the City and according to some industry observers, his elevation and relative youth gives

him the look of heir apparent. Mr Bull offered little fresh information on the future strategy of the group. He denied idespread speculation that Burger King might be sold and said that future expansion of the chain lay in the United Sates where the business is perform-ing well. He dismissed speculation that the company was a

receipts were 9.5 per cent high-

er than in 1994/5, with income

In June, the Treasury forecast

that Inland Revenue receipts

would rise 15 per ceot in a full

year, with income tax climbing

9.4 per cent and corporation tax

Customs & Excise revenue

rose by 7.5 per cent in the first

half, compared with a forecast

for the year of 9.7 per cent.

by 35 per cent.

Statoil makes

MARY FAGAN Industrial Correspondent

The battle for control of Aran Energy, the Irish oil company, reached a climax yesterday with a £203m bid by Statoil, the Norwegian state-owned group. Areo of the US, which had tabled a £182m hostile bid, later bowed out of the fight.

Aran's board "welcomed" Statoil's bid but stopped short of recommending it. Even after Arco said it would not try to trump the Norwegians, Aran refused to comment."

Rolf Magne Larsen, senior vice president of Statoil, said: This is definitely a full and final offer which reflects the risks and the upside of Aran's portfolio. We are sorry that the board of Aran did not feel able to recommend this generous offer, but look forward to working with them in the future. He said that if Statoil won the Irish company it would not maintain a stock market listing but would integrate Aran fully into the Norwegian group.

Statoil already has links with Aran through a poteotial joint development agreement on the Connemara field off the west coast of Ireland. Arco has criticised this agreement, on which shareholders are due to vote next week, as a move to "frustrate" its bid for Aran.

Michael Whelan, founder and chairman of Aran, said: "Our sole intention is to look after Aran's shareholders." He said Statoil's offer of 1r76p per share compared with an inde-pendent valuation of Ir104p.

"Anything short of that independent valuation is a discount. But that is not to say that we can realistically expect 104p per share from another bidder,

The fight for Aran has centred oo the valuation of its stake in the Schiehallion field west of Shetland, which is now regarded as one of the hottest provinces in the waters around the UK. Arco recently increased its offer on the basis of the value of Aran's Schiehallion stake but the US group's valuation of Ir£55m still fell short of Aran's figure of Ir£77m.

Aran 23 years ago, is by far the largest private investor in the company, with about 4 per cent of the shares. "The shareholder interest is paramount in my case. Nostalgia and sentiment as founder is a tremendously powerful feeling but it cannot be critical at the end of the day," he said.

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PSBR blow to Chancellor's tax hopes the accounts. Inland Revenue

Economics Editor

Kenneth Clarke's hopes of delivering a credible tax-cutting et were dea blow yesterday with figures showing an increase in the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement in the first six months of the financial year compared with 1994-95.

The September PSBR was £3.7bn, taking the total in the first half of the financial year to £20.4bn, £300m more than in the first six months of 1994/5. The underlying PSBR, excluding privatisation proceeds, has fallen by £2bn over the same period - but privatisation revenues are forecast by the Treasury at only £3bn, compared is on the disappointing side of with £6.5bn last year

"The Tories have broken their promises on tax and pubbreaking them on borrowing too," said Andrew Smith, Shadow Chief Secretary. The Teasury acknowledged that the outturn so far was not as had been hoped, but maintained that the deficit was still still on a downward trend, with several months

of heavy tax receipts ahead. The Chancellor will be reliant on spending cuts and a re-emphasis on eliminating the deficit over the longer term to justify any tax cuts," said David Hillier, UK economist at

expectations again," commented Helen MacFarlane, economist at Hoare Govett, "but this WOLL LICC cellor using his ingenuity to cut personal taxes next year." She added that such taxes "may well be accompanied by higher taxes elsewhere, in particular in the corporate sector."

Revenues, particularly from corporation tax, are expected to pick up in the second half of the financial year. But many City forecasters now project a PSBR close to last year's outturn of £35.9bg. For example, Salomon Brothers, has lifted its forecast from £28.5bn to £30bn.

shoot has been a swing in the local authorities borrowing requirement of £1.4bn in the first tax revenue up by about 8 per half of the year compared with cent and corporation tax up by יכלויאלה שו מסטסט most likely explanation is that local authorities are spending above target," said Michael Sannders, economist at Sa-

lomon Brothers. Central government departmental outlays grew 3 per cent in the six months to September compared with 1994-95, which is less than the 3.5 per cent forecast by the Treasury in June. Interest payments were also in line

with Treasury projections. . The problem has arisen prin-

cipally on the revenue side of

and has revamped its model Sales of the Lotus Esprit are up by 13 per cent to 450 and more than £2.5m of orders have been taken for the Elise. Lotus says the £3.5m invested in its Norfolk facilities has come from its own resources, and that

bought by Bugatti from General

Motors in 1993. The company

Italian backing. Lotus has appointed former Ford special vehicles chief Rod Mansfield as its new managing

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3,000 new jobs for Rosyth

Thousands of new jobs will be created at the Rosyth naval base - across the Forth from Edinburgh - over the next five years the prospective new owners announced last night. The Rosyth 2000 consortium, preferred bidders when the Royal Navy leaves next March, said between 3,000 and 5,000 jobs would be created.

The consortium of Bank of Scotland, Scottish Power, Forth Ports and Babcock International, which operates the adjoining dockvard, was chosen from four hids, It is understood Rosyth 2000 did not make the highest financial offer but the Government was swayed by the number of jobs which would be created through operating Rosyth as a commercial port and building

Still in the dark at GEC

Investors in GEC remained in the dark about management changes at the company after what is thought to have been a stormy board meeting vesterday. In a terse statement GEC said a shortlist of candidates to replace Lord Weinstock was discussed and a final decision could not be expected before next Spring. GEC refused to answer questions about the fate of Richard Reynolds, the GEC director whose future is in doubt after he criticised the way the succession process was being handled.

US industrial production falls

US industrial production felt by 0.2 per cent in September, after a big rise of 1.1 per cent the previous month. A small fall had been expected due to a drop in energy demand after the end of the summer heatwave. Industrial output climbed 3.5 per cent in the third quarter, having fallen 2.3 per cent in the second quarter. Analysts said the figures provided more evidence of a soft landing for the economy.

C&W confirms Siemens deal

Cable & Wireless confirmed the planned sale of 75 per cent of Mercury's customer equipment subsidiary to Siemens of Germany. The disposal of the equipment arm, which had a turnover of £97m last year, is one of the final stages of the reorganisation of Mercury announced nine months ago, which in-cluded the sale of the payphooes business to an Italian firm.

Liquid Temazepam on the way

The UK arm of Pharmacia, the Scandinavian drugs group, said it had been developing an oral liquid version of Temazepam in anticipation of yesterday's UK ban on the drug in capsule form. Health minister Stephen Dorrell said he would ban Temazepam from I January because it had been misused.

The drug was developed by American Home Products Corporation and is manufactured in the UK by AHP's Wyeth Pharmaceuticals divison. The news came as Upjohn announced its shareholders had overwhelmingly approved the merger with Pharmacia.

Vauxhall unions reject pay offer

Unions at Vauxhall's Luton and Ellesmere Port car plants are to vote on industrial action after rejecting a two-year pay offer: 3.5 per cent in the first year plus an extra day's holiday and access to a car leasing plan, then a wage rise equal to inflation in the second year. The unions have demanded a two-hour cut in the working week, a £20-a-week rise across the board in year one and a £10 increase in year two.

Lotus car group sues former directors Palmer were widely credited as having turned around Lotus,

RUSSELL HOTTEN

Group Lotus, the UK sports car maker, yesterday issued writs against two former directors in a bid to recover several hundred thousand pounds.

The company alleges that Adrian Palmer, formerly managing director, and Andrew Tempest, ex-finance director, were behind unauthorised payments and expenses claims. Both men were dismissed abruptly in August by Romano Artioli, head of Lotus's owner Bugatti, and have been consulting lawyers about launching claims for unfair dismissal of about £500,000 each.

A firm of foreusic accoun-

tants, Lee and Allen, was asked to sift through the Norfolkbased company's accounts. Yesterday, Lotus would only confirm that a writ had been issued for "several hundred thousand pounds" Neither Mr Palmer nor Mr

Tempest could be contacted yesterday and the pair's solicitors, Titmuss Sainer Dechert, were not returning telephone Last month, however, Mr

Palmer told Autocar magazine: "Neither Andy Tempest nor I know why we were dismissed." He said attempts to negotiate

compensation with Mr Articli Bugatti is trying to head off

bankruptcy through a finan-cial reconstruction. According

main financially strong and untroubled by the financial problems at Bugatti, the affair has overshadowed developments at the UK company. Bugatti is said to owe up to £50m to 20 creditors.

While Lotus is said to re-

time when Lotus is due to unveil its new £20,000, midengined sports car, the Elise, at the London Motor Show this week. Mr Tempest and Mr

to one survival plan, a group of financiers has offered to invest around £40m in Bugatti in rereturned to profit last year, turn for a large stake in the

The new problems come at a

Investment banking: \$135m deal nets Gleacher M&A boutique

NatWest buys Wall Street stars

MICHAEL MARRAY in New York and JOHN WILLCOCK

Nat West Group is strengthening its presence in the US investment banking sector via the \$135m (£85m) acquisition of the New York-based mergers and acquisitions boutique Gleacher & Co, which was an-

nounced yesterday.

The UK bank is still on the lookout for other acquisitions in fund management and investment banking, both in the US and the UK.

Gleacher & Co is headed by Eric Gleacher, a hard-driving and aggressive former Marine officer whose speciality is hostile takeover bids. He is a veteran of some of the higgest

takeover battles of the 1980s, give it access to a web of per- now be dissolved, with Gleachand advised Kohlberg Kravis Roberts on its acquisition of RJR Nabisco - the blockbuster deal which was featured in the Mr Gleacher will play an active

The newly named Gleacher NatWest will become the princinal focus of NatWest's investment banking operations in North America. The deal in effect locks in the five partners who own most of Gleacher. If they leave before an agreed period they will have to pay their share of the acquisition proceeds back to Nat West

NatWest has never been regarded as a top-rank player in US investment banking, and bringing on board an estab-lished star like Mr Gleacher will Deutsche Morgan Grenfell will vestiture of Texaco Chemical.

sonal relationships with execu-tives in US industry. In addition owned subsidiary of NatWest. to his key M&A role in the US, activities world-wide.

Mr Gleacher was formerly head of the M&A department at Morgan Stanley. He left in 1990 to set up his own firm, and shortly afterwards sold a 25 per cent stake to Morgan Grenfell, which was soon in turn acquired by Deutsche Bank. Mr Gleacher said yesterday

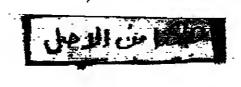
that Deutsche had approached him earlier in the year with a takeover offer, but that he had preferred NatWest's approach.

Gleacher & Co has been earning big fees in recent years,

best selling book Barbarians at role in developing Natwest as a result of record activity in the Gate.

Note that the developing Natwest as a result of record activity in the M&A market, which this year has surpassed the levels of the late 1980s. Although it has a small staff of around 40, it has none the less been a serious competitor to the big Wall Street investment banks. Gleacher earned \$10m work-

ing for American Home Products in its \$9.7bn takeover of American Cyanamid - the biggest M&A deal of 1994. The firm also acted for PaineWebber in its \$670m acquisition of Kidder Peabody,



COMMENT

"If they cannot co-operate even on a simple inquest, you have to wonder what prospect there is preventing

another Barings"

Questions hanging over role of the regulators The Bank of England and the Singapore | The two reports are clearly the worse for it, authorities have spent months chucking | The two reports are clearly the worse for it, authorities have spent months chucking | The two reports are clearly the worse for it, takes, or oversights, occurred in January. | though it may be, adds further to those suspicions. This is an inquiry that needs to be

mud at each other, complaining about bow little co-operation they received in their respective Barings investigations. Yesterday it emerged that relations between the two were not just bad but scandalously awful, involving at one stage court orders and seizures of transcripts of interviews carried out by the Singapore authorities in London.

If this is how the policemen conduct themselves, what hope is there that they will be any more successful in crime prevention next time round?

"For the limited assistance rendered to us by the Board (of banking supervision) we are grateful" say the Singapore inspectors, in a backhanded wallop of a tribute to the Bank of England's clearly less that generous assis-tance. For its part, the Board complained in its report in the summer that it had been unable to talk to the Singapore Monetary Exchange or look at its files and had to rely

on a brochure for some of its information. Taken on their own, each side's explanation of why cooperation was so poor prob-ahly makes some sort of sense. The Bank of England was caught up in the tentacles of the Banking Act 1987, which has some tough clauses aimed at maintaining confidentiality. For its part, Singapore clearly felt the Bank failed to move rapidly or effectively enough through local courts to secure access to documents in the Far East. The dispute degenerated quickly into a tit-for-tat row. unfortunately, remains deeply confused.

If regulators cannot co-operate even on an inquest, you have to wonder what prospect there is of preventing another Barings - or for that matter a Daiwa, where there was a yawning communications guif between the US and Japanese authorities. Regulators will tell anybody who cares to lis-ten that one of the best prophylactics for unwanted financial disasters is better cooperation between the national organisations responsible. Judged on the record so

far, pigs might fly.

The Singapore version of events has to be read with circumspection. As a relatively new financial centre, the last thing the Singapore financial establishment wants is to stilly its reputation if there is any possibility of hlaming London. Nevertheless, the Singapore report does put a new perspective on what happened, alleging a histant cover-up in London. By contrast, the Bank of England report went no further than suggesting

culpable ignorance on a grand scale.

If the Singapore version is right, it deepens the mystery of why the UK authorities are so desperately reluctant to see any aspect of the case reach the UK courts. More significantly, it reopens questions never satisfactorily answered in the Board of Banking Supervision report about the extent of the Bank's culpability. The Singapore report claims that as late as February Barings could

The Barings management had long had an informal concession from the Bank of England that allowed them to risk more than 25 per cent of their bank's capital on Nick Leeson's activities. As we now know, the Bank became increasingly concerned about this. During January, there were serious discussions at a senior level within the Bank of England about wby Barings had been allowed to exceed this crucial limit. Plainly, if more forceful action bad been taken then the outcome might have been very different. In the event, the discussions led to a letter from the Bank on 1 February withdrawing the informal concession, but giving Barings time to come into line.

When it took this decision, the Bank already had evidence that in the last three months of 1994 Baring's exposure had exceeded 75 per cent of its capital, evidence which "did not evoke a strong reaction either from the Bank of England or Baring Group's senior management," according to the Sin-

gapore version. The main hlame for this lamentable episode clearly lies with Nick Leeson and the Barings management, of that there can be no question. Nonetheless, there are still hig questions still to be answered by the Bank of England and other regulators. The Bank of England's own report failed to clear the air, indeed it only reinforced the suspicion of cover up. The Singapore report, suspect

Another Grand Met golden handshake

ot much changes at Grand Metropolitan. Another day, another re-structuring, another director walks away with a thumping hig pay-off. Shareholders might wonder for whose benefit this company is run; them or the directors. The good news yesterday was that Grand Met has finally re-solved the succession question (in contrast to GEC which seems as far from a solution as ever) with George Bull moving up to replace Lord Sheppard as chairman, John Mc-Grath takes the chief executive's slot. The bad news is that it involves the usual high level casualty, with shareholders picking up the tab.

Grand Met seems incapable of managing succession without a generous cheque for departing director. In most organisations, those who are passed over for promotion either have to lump it or leave. Not apparently so at Grand Met. Once on the moving escalator, it's win, win, win: the top job or the redundancy cheque. The last 20 years have seen four head-to-head battles for chief executive. This time it is David Nash who has lost out, so off he goes with £800,000 in his pocket. Two years ago George Bull won the

scrap for the post. Off went Ian Martin, the other contender, with a not dissimilar har-row-load of money. He is now chief execu-

Though Mr McGrath seems a popular choice in the City, the shake-up involves the usual disruptive management tinkering lower down. This can bardly be right for a company still attempting to digest January's £1.7bn acquisition of Pet, the US foods company. Nor do the latest changes answer any pany. Nor do the latest changes answer any of the strategic question marks still hanging over Grand Met. Management insists that Burger King is not for sale, even though the fast food chain appears out on a limb in the company's brand portfolio. The Pearle opticians division will surely be sold as soon and cians division will surely be sold as soon as t makes enough money to attract a buyer. Haagen-Dazs is still not breaking even and the European foods business is struggling. Doubts about Grand Met's ability to manage organic growth in the foods remain.

Meanwhile, the company is plagued by bid

and hreak-up speculation, with the IDV drinks business the obvious jewel in the crown. Under Lord Sheppard, Grand Met developed a reputation for being a deal-driven conglomerate with a penchant for financial engineering that obscured the company's true performance. In recent years, this has been far from spectacular. With no fresh blood from outside, and still no obvious corporate purpose to this oddball collection of businesses, there is depressingly little reason why things should change.

Singapore authorities' report: Key executives of collapsed bank accused of deception and Bank of England attacked for obstructing inquiry



Peter Norris, Barings chief executive

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James Bax, Regional manager, South-east Asia and Nick Leeson's boss in Singapore

'in our view, Mr Bax's evidence, though given under oath, was false in material respects and this also gives rise to an adverse inference being drawn against him'



Nick Leeson Barings' senior derivatives, trader, Singapore

"[He] dominated staff ... and they did his bidding. The floor brokers who executed the large transfer trades between account 88888 and Barings Securities [Japan] and Barings Securities Ltd accounts said they merely did as instructed by Mr Leeson'

Cover-up sealed the fate of Barings

STEVE VINES

Former top Barings executives were accused of deliberately covering up vital warning signs of Nick Leeson's ruinous speculation, in the Singapore authorities' report published yesterday.

Had they been acted on, the bank's collapse might have been averted, the report concluded. The long-awaited findings of the Singapore investigators into the collapse of Barings also slammed the Bank of England for failing in its responsibilities when Barings massively exceeded its capital exposure lim-

its to several Asian exchanges.

A five-page appendix to the Singapore report details the increasingly strained relations between the British and Singapore authorities as their reinvestigations spective progressed, accusing the Bank of England of obstruction and

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ordering the seizure of interview transcripts. While the report also states that Singapore International Monetary Exchange Limited (Simex) was negligent in taking at face value Barines' assurances, it is notable for the absence of any mention of the role of the island state's own central bank, the Monetary Au-

thority of Singapore. Nick Lesson, the 28-year-old former chief derivatives trader at Barings in Singapore, is in jail in Germany pending a final decision on his extradition to Singapore. The German authorities have granted this, but are considering an appeal from Mr Leeson's lawyers.

The Singapore report, covering much of the same ground as the Bank of England's own report published in July, accused Mr Leeson forging documents, altering accounts and providing incorrect reports in a three-year concealment of unauthorised trading losses. When Barings collapsed, these had reached oearly £1bn.

The 183-page report, appointed by Singapore's Finance Ministry, differed from its Bank of England equivalent in its sharp tone and its belief in a conspiracy at the top of Barings in the crucial months before the collapse on 26 February.

After Mr Leeson himself, the main blame is placed on Peter Nortis, the former chief executive of Barings, and James Bax, the top Barings man in Singapore. The Singapore investigators allege that they tried to cover up, and later played down, a serious accounting discrepancy uncovered by Coopers & Lybrand in January 1995, that should have alcreed management to problems.

Both Mr Norris and Mr Bax have denied being involved in any plan either to underplay the

and JOHN EISENHAMMER investigations into the matter. However, we are unable to accept their denials," the report

The investigators accused Mr Norris, who was unavailable for comment yesterday, of denying that he had a lengthy meeting with Mr Leesoo in Singapore in February even though a number of witnesses confirmed it. Referring to the £50m discrepancy uncovered by the auditors, the investigators

Baring Futures (Singapore) Pte Ltd gaden purment to Section 251 of Companies Act (Chapter 50) THE REPORT of the sectors appointed by the

Minister for Finance Michael Lim Choo San Nicky Tan Ng Kuang Parasars of Price Vistories Counsel to the Impector: V K. Rajah Sendanah Memon

said: "Mr Norris also took steps to conceal this matter from other Baring Group directors and to discourage Coopers & Lybrand Singapore and C&L London from including the matter in their audit manage-

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ment letters." Mr Bax, also alerted at an early stage to this accounting discrepancy, "played an active role to conceal the significance of the matter raised by the external auditors and to discourage independent investigations

into the matter," the report said.
"In our view, Mr Bax's evidence, though given under cath, was false in material respects, and this also gives rise to an adverse inference being drawn against him." The Singapore authorities allege that this crucial information was not properly

significance of the discrepancy distributed or emphasised at the which met daily to assess risk throughout the Barings group.

"In retrospect, it seems prob-able that until February 1995, the Baring Group could have averted collapse by timely action. By the end of January 1995, although substantial losses had been incurred, these were only one-quarter the eventual losses," the report stated. Primarily there should have been a thorough and prompt investigation of Mr Leeson's funding requests from June 1994, as S\$1.7bn (£760m) was remitted to cover his losses. Steps should also have been taken to sort out why the Singapore futures operation was having to meet such large margin calls.

In October 1994 the internal auditors had highlighted the risk of allowing Mr Leeson to override internal controls by virtue of his control over the back and front offices of the local operation, yet no action was taken.

Nor did Barings' asset and liability committee in London do anything to ensure compliance with its instructions to Mr Leeson to reduce his position in Japanese stock market futures, Japanese government bonds and Euro-yen futures.

The report was prepared by the independent governmentappointed inspectors Michael Lim and Nicky Tan, partners at the accountants Price Water-house. The Ministry of Finance accompanied its publication with the announcement that Barings Futures (Singapore), already declared insolvent, was to

be wound up.

The Singaporean authorities
plan to discuss the implications for further legal action today. In a statement yesterday the Ministry of Finance said the Commercial Affairs Department, the body responsible for dealing with commercial crime,



Centre of controversy: Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, which is accused by the Singapore authorities of trying to stifle their investigation into the collapse of Barings Bank

grounds for prosecutions. The inspectors conclude that "Mr Nortis clearly bad an interest in concealing the much larger losses that the Baring

Group had incurred via account 88888 [Mr Leeson's secret account which was used to make trades on futures market]". The report says "a plausible motive can readily be conjectured" for Mr Norris's actions. It argues that he took over

losses totaling £11m and that he the time of the collapse only if would not want a larger failure

Barings' management has always maintained that it knew nothing of Mr Leeson's account 88888 but the report says that knowledge of the account was "hardly crucial. If they did not know of it at the outset, they could have learnt of it once they undertook any steps to investigate the position.

they had persistently shut themselves from the truth, Mr Norris's explanation after the collapse, namely that the senior management of the Baring Group believed that Mr Leeson's trading activities posed little (or no) risk to the Baring

Group, but yielded very good returns, is implausible and in our view, demonstrates a degree of ignorance of market reality that

that Mr Leeson managed to op-erate his account 88888 for three years without Barings' senior management knowing about it but they managed to unearth the account within hours of his disappearance.

The report alleged that Barings' management structure was inadequateat every level, allowing Mr Leeson a free hand to cripple the company. James Bax, managing director of BFS and managing director of Bar-ings Asia Pacific (BAF), and Simon Jones, director of BFS and chief operating officer of BAF "had a limited view of their responsibilities as directors of BFS". Mr Bax and Mr Jones remain in Singapore under trav-

el restrictions. Mr Bax and Mr Jones are accused of doing nothing to end Mr Leeson's control of the front and back offices. Coordination between his bosses was said to be shambolic. The report says "lines of accountability

The report accuses the Bank of England of ignoring its own controls on the exposure to debt deemed acceptable for banks. It says that even the maccurate information supplied by Barings to the Bank in the quarter ending 31 December 1994 showed that Barings had breached the limit on maximum

On the trail of account

□ March 1992 Nick Leeson goes to Barings Singapore as settlement officer. Spring 1994 Leeson begins trading on behalf of bank.

nal review highlights dangers of Leeson both trading and controlling accounting in Singapore office. □ 11 January 1995 Singapore Exchange alerts Barings Sin-

□ August 1994 Barings inter-

gapore to problems with Leeson's secret account. □ 17 January Kobe earthquake. □ 23 January Nikkei falls 1,000 points. Leeson goes

double or quits, heavily buy-ing futures for secret account 88888. Total nominal exposure \$27bn. □ 27 January Coopers & Lybrand auditors query \$75m missing Leeson transaction. □ 4 February Tony Hawes, Barings group treasurer, goes to Singapore to investi-gate Coopers & Lyhrand

and Simex concerns. □ 23 February Leeson flees Singapore. Barings Singapore executives begin emerency investigation. □ 24 Fehruary Peter Baring informs Bank of England that Barings faces ruin. □ 25-26 February Crisis

meetings at Bank of England to arrange lifehoat.

□ 10.10pm, 26 February Failing to cap derivatives exposure, Barings goes into administration, with losses totalling £860m. Barings capital base was £560m. □ 27 February Barings losses rise to over £1hn as Nikkei slumps. International manhunt for Nick Leeson. 2 March Leeson arrested by Frankfurt airport police

as he tries to fly from Brunei to London. 5 March ING, the Dutch bank-insurance group, buys Barings for £1. ☐ April Singapore files extra-

dition charges against Leeson in Germany. □ 1 May ING purges 21 senior executives connected

with Barings collapse.

18 July Bank of England report on Barings collapse published. □ 1-7 September Serious Fraud Office interviews Lee-

son in Frankfurt jail. 27 September Baring bondholders granted private prosecution against Leeson. □ 4 October Germany grants Singapore extradition of Leeson. His lawyers appeal. □ 12 October Bondholders' prosecution taken over and dropped by SFO.

has been asked to follow up the Baring Securities Ltd when his "They could have remained totally lacks credibility' report to see if there are predecessor had presided over Bank of England seized inquiry papers

The Bank of England repeat-edly thwarted the investigations in Britain of the Singapore authorities into the Barings collapse, writes John Eisenhammer.

An extraordinarily vehement five-page appendix to the Singapore report reveals a significant breakdown of relations between the British and Singaporean supervisory authorities.

Whereas the Singapore investigators were freely assisted by ING; the new Dutch owners of Barings, and Ernst & Young, the administrators to the collapsed merchant bank, they complained of a deliberate pol-

ing Supervision, charged in the UK with reporting on the Barings collapse.

In its own report published in July, the Bank of England said it had had only "very limited access" to information in Singapore, and had been prevented from conducting formal interviews with senior members of the Barings' office in Singapore.

In April the Singapore inspectors interviewed a number of Barings employees in London on a voluntary basis, arranged through ING. On 2 May, Norton Rose, solicitors for the Board of Banking Supervision "notified the administrators"

White Durrant, that pursuant to Section 41(5) of the UK Banking Act 1987, the board required them to hand over the transcripts of all interviews conducted by us by the close of business 3 May 1995".

The Singapore investigators and their lawyers wrote to the Bank of England of their amazement, and expressed the hope that the Bank would allow access to interviews it had conducted during its own investigations. "The board did not reciprocate ... ", the Singapore report noted.

There follows details of how the two, by now clearly rival reg-ulatory authorives, haggled icy of obstruction at the hands of the Bank's Board of Bank-

form of handing over information, to get other documents and interviews in return. The report stated that in

March, after the Barings collapse, the Singapore authorities fulfilled initial requests for information from the Bank of England investigators. When the Singaporeans asked for reciprocal assistance in London, they claimed they were told they had oo authority and the sec-retary of state would appoint a UK subject to conduct interviews on their behalf. In response to a request to do the interviews informally, the Singaporean: were told: "This was

had provided sufficient "con- not permitted as HM Treasury sideration" to the other in the was of the view that there was gapore," the report said.

the Singaporean investigators, saying this could only be done in the UK in return for "con-sideration". "When (the Singapore lawyers) pointed out that the board had already received 'consideration' Mr Bass (of Norton Rose) maintained such documents and information was 'past consideration' and hence 'no consideration' the Singspore sport dated.

no reciprocity in connection with the board's work in Sin-Later Norton Rose, the board's solicitors, said they could not release any documents or information sought by

[were] porous and ill-defined" exposure to margins, relative to the capital funds available.

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN Edited by TOM STEVENSON

Paterson pays a price for loyalty

anachronism, a family-dominated company clinging to its long-held links with Britain's former colony in Nigeria. Its refusal to hreak the tie with Nigeria is a pity because in many ways Paterson has a real success story to tell.

The Nigerian naira has been declining for as long as anyone can remember, causing periodic alarms at the group which controls over 40 per cent of the country's soap and detergent market. The latest flurry was caused by a new bout of political turmoil in Nigeria, leading to acute foreign exchange shortages and a 20 per cent cut in production in the first half of 1994.

The well-flagged problems led to the 11 per cent drop in pre-1ax profits to £25.1m in the 12 months to May. Paterson is confident that January's budget has stabilised the situation, with production now recovering on the back of more freely available foreign

However, this stability has been won at the price of a 74 per cent devaluation in the naira, forcing the group to write off another £23.2m of its assets in Nigeria. The steady erosion of its assets has reduced the importance of the former colony to which Paterson owes its origins to just 10 per cent of the group total.

Elsewhere Paterson has a good record. A minnow in a world of soaps dominated by giants like Unilever and Procter & Gamble, the Manchester-based group still manages to head the UK market with the 17 per cent share commanded by its Cussons Imperial Leather hrand. More impressive, given that the ordinary soap market is on a steady decline, is Cussons' 24 per cent lead in liquid soaps, a sector currently growing at 25 per

It is also rapidly securing its future in developing markets overseas. After half a decade and a £10m investment, Paterson believes that it has turned the corner in Indonesia, where it is at last making profits. Meanwhile, Poland, where the group bought a local hrand two years ago, has seen an even quicker turnaround.

A recent second Polish purchase and a new venture in India should cause few problems for a group with net cash and investments of £113m. Profits of £28m this year would put the non-voting A shares on a forward multiple of 11. The shares will remain lowly rated while enfranchisement is ruled out and the risk remains that the industry's

heavyweights will one day trample on Paterson, as happened in Thailand last

Recovery at Stakis falters

The remarkable recovery at the Stakis hotels and casinos group - which has been fighting back from steep losses in the early 1990s - missed a step yesterday as the Glasgow-based company warned that its gaming side had suffered a like-for-like reduction in money wagered. The market greeted the fall with a 3p mark-down in the share price to 78p.

While disappointing, the slow-down at the casinos was offset by continuing growth in the core hotels business, where the average room rate in the fourth quarter just finished increased from £41.61 a year ago to £45.06 in the three months to October.

Occupancy rates also increased usefully - from 77.9 per cent to 79.6 per cent - boosting the average for the whole year from 69.7 per cent to 72.1

5-year record

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Sales by region

in 1992, the rescue of the company from the brink of collapse has been handsomely rewarded by the market where the shares have sourced from a low of 21p to a peak last year of 92p.

Palling costs, sensible disposals, a restored balance sheet and a cyclical upturn in the hotel trade combined with casino deregulation to provide a healthier backdrop than the shares had enjoyed for years.

Since the spring of 1994, however, the shares have floundered as the market fretted over the company's sharply rising tax rate now that the tax losses accumulated during the aggregate losses of almost £100m in 1991 and 1992 are working through. Although Stakis is only expected to pay corporation tax of about 10 per cent last year and this, the rate is forecast to rise quickly to 28 per cent by the end of the

That will seriously dilute profits, wiping out any growth the company can nieve over the next few years, even assuming a peaking economic cycle and already relatively high occupancy rates allow much improvement. According to Panmure Gordon, even if profits in-

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Share price

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Since new management was brought crease by an average 10 per cent a year in to replace the ousted Andros Stakis to the turn of the century, earnings per share will only rise from 5p to 7p. That in turn is likely to mean that dividend growth is curtailed, and what the shares cannot offer in earnings growth they will be unable to make up for in

> The shares are underpinned by net assets close to the share price, but are unlikely to provide much excitement.

Tie Rack in expansive mood

Tie Rack is notable for being almost the only niche retailer (remember those) to have survived the recession and the barely noticeable high street recovery since. Its revival is all the more remarkable in that its founder, Roy Bishko, who oversaw the over-expansion that nearly proved fatal in the early 1990s, remains at the helm.

Mr Bishko is now sufficiently confident of the group's health that he is once more talking about expansion. The group opened 38 shops in the six months to mid-August, more than the 35 brought on-stream in the whole of last year. That fed into a 20 per cent rise in profits to £490,000 in the always slow 28 weeks to August, on a 14 per cent rise in turnover to £41.6m.

The expansion has proved timely as a combination of hot weather and consumer refuctance to spend pegged underlying like-for-like sales at the same level as the first half of last year. Tie Rack intends to open a further 20 stores by the year end, adding a net 51 to last year's total of 329.

There is an element of profits drag as legal, training and other costs have to be borne on any move into new countries but, now in 25 countries. Tie Rack is rapidly establishing a world-

With £8.5m still in the hank after £2.4m capital expenditure in the latest half, Tie Rack has no shortage of firepower to continue the process. Warm autumn weather is not helping scarf sales and the year's outcome still remains heavily dependent on Christmas. But if profits hit £8.6m, the shares, up 4p to 154p, would stand on a prospective multiple of 14, Still reasonable value, although the 37 per cent holding of Vadep, the original Swiss backers backers, dampens any takeover

Simon Pincombe CITY DIARY

Mr Teflon is sticking to his old connections

While his name failed to appear in lights in yesterday's report from the Singapore authorities on the collapse of Barings, Andrew "Teflon" Tuckey finds his tenuous connection with the onceproud name ever more stretched

You will recall that the hank's former deputy chair-man resigned on 3 April "as a matter of honour" while still managing to stay on as a consultant to the corporate finance arm. This in spite of a Securities and Futures Association investigation hanging over his head and an ssurance from the Bank of England Governor, Eddie George, that he would need his approval to work again in the City. In a telling demonstration of the suitability of his soubriquet, Mr Tuckey even secured an office in the new London Wall headquarters which Barings moves into next weekend.

However, Teflon may yet come unstuck. "The office will probably be a hroom cupboard in the cellar. ispers a barely audible Barings man. "This is a sort of low-profile, part-time, occasional mle

Already under the cosh from an ungrateful public the Seri-ous Fraud Office has suffered the further indignity of being publicly rubbished by its own barrister. On Monday the hapless investigators came under withering attack from Jonathan Caplan QC, as he mounted the case for Ernest Saunders, the former

Andrew Tuckey: moving into London Wall headquarters

Guinness chief appealing against his conviction. Was this the same Ionathan Capian who has been advising the SFO on the Barings debacle for the last six months? "Er ... he is one of the best," explains an SFO spokesman defensively.

'It is a reflection of how few

QCs there are available to

deal with complex fraud." One can see why William Hague, the Weish Secretary, is getting so edgy about inward investment in the principality. The announcement of a £340m expansion by Ford at Bridgend and advertisements for 480 new jobs will lead to a stampede fol-

disappointment. When Bridgend advertised

lowed by the inevitable

estions in the Financial Times that Freshfields. Britain's leading international law firm, was about to merge with Davis Polk & Wardwell of the US were followed by swift and vehement denials from both senior partners in the newspaper's letters column yesterday. But the clarifications came foo late to stand down investment bankers un both sides of the Affantic, who had already got the swell of merger fees in their nostrils.

Even before he could put pen to paper, John Grieves the unflappable senior partner at Freshfields, was besieged bybankers offering their services. It hardly bears a mention, but for the record it was the Americans who got to him first.

24 jobs on the Jaguar engine line it got 8,000 applications. Some from 80 miles away.

The 4,000,000th attempt to unite Britain's fragmented accountancy profession is in danger of collapse, barely months after it got off the ground. In spite of the efforts of at least 14 working parties another Baikan solution looks on the cards.

Sensing that it can never sell a merger between the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICA) and the Chartered Institute of Management Ac-counts (CIMA) to its younger separatist members, the increasingly impoverished ICA yesterday launched a "hard-hitting poster campaign" to con-vince the public that theirs is the premier qualification. For their part the management accountants seem fairly relaxed. The CIMA stock is rising and it has again asked the Privy Council to allow its members to call themselves 'chartered" accountants.

Senior auditors now privately concede that they have lost the exclusive use of the chartered prefix.

Expansion by Ford will create 480 jobs

Paterson Zochonis: at a glance

Market value: £214m, "A"share price 398p

Ford has confirmed plans to invest £340m in its engine factory in South Wales, in a move man, said yesterday that he extra twill double production and pected the Bridgend plant to £200m in a new diesel engine proved by the European create 480 jobs.

The UK government is giving £10m to help fund the expansion at Bridgend, which fought off competition from Ford's factory at Valencia, Spain.

Engines for Ford's Mondeo are built at the Bridgend site, which will now start producing the Zetec 1.25-litre engine used

produce another 550,000 engines a year from mid-1998, boosting total output beyond 1 million. He believed the "ripple effect" of the investment would generate another 600 jobs in the components industry.

The UK is one of the most important production centres for Ford world-wide and our

in the new Fiesta being plants have improved their reducer of Ford engines outside made great improvements in launched today at the London liability and competitive position. America, and output last year competitiveness and quality, considerably in recent years," Alex Trotman, Ford's chair- Mr Trotman said. Earlier this topped 1 million. The Govern- now makes Jaguar engines.

programme at Dagenham. The new Fiesta is being built at Dagenham and at Cologue, Germany. The Valencia factory, which already builds the Zetec engine, produces the old Fiesta, now called the Fiesta Classic, and has been chosen to build an even smaller Ford. The UK is the largest profrom Bridgend and Dagenham Commission, which is currently considering the UK's aid to Ford's subsidiary Jaguar.

Ford said the money for Bridgend was "important" in deciding to invest in the UK, but emphasised that it was one of several factors. The Bridgend plant, opened in 1979 and now employing 1,300 people, had underlined by the fact that it

Despite sluggish UK new car sales, there is no shortage of confidence in Britain as a manufacturing base. Toyota has already committed itself to a big expansion of its Burnaston plant, Derbyshire, while Rover is due to make a decision about a new engine facility within six months. Nissan, Peugeot and Vauxhall all have expansion plans in the pipeline.

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Small business expects slowdown

TOM STEVENSON Deputy City Editor

Small companies are less optimistic about husiness conditions than they were both six months and a year ago, with order books, output expectations and employment levels all deteriorating.

A survey commissioned by SBC Warburg showed that a balance of only one fifth of the 1,000 companies questioned were more optimistic than three months ago. Similar surveys in March and last September had more optimistic balances of 33

and 57 per cent respectively.

Darren Winder, UK economist at SBC Warburg, said:

The general weakening in economic activity evident in official statistics since earlier in the year appears to be affecting both small and large companies alike. Business optimism is very definitely on the wane at the current time."

Optimism on growth and orders fell most sharply among industrial companies where one in 10 businesses said they intended to reduce their workforces. In February one in seven companies expected to increase their staffing levels.

The survey covered more than 1,000 chairmen, chief executives or finance directors of quoted companies with market capitalisations of under £320m. Other findings included wide-

corporate governance guide-

lines; 73 per cent of companies

considered that the cost of complying was not justified by the benefits gained.

product line, we were able to respread discontent with current

IBM falls into **\$543m loss**

RUSSELL HOTTEN

IBM reported a third-quarter loss of \$543m (£362m), including a charge of \$1.8bn related to its acquisition of Lotus

Development.

Excluding the Lotus purchase, IBM said its profits rose to \$1.3bn, or \$2.30 a share, compared with earnings of \$689m, or \$1.18 a share, in the same period of 1994. Including the Lotus purchase, IBM lost 96 cents a share for the quarter.

The world's largest computer company said it planned to take an additional charge of \$800m in the fourth quarter to pay for reorganisation, includ-ing "limited" staff cuts. Sales were \$16.8hn, an in-

crease of 9 per cent on the \$15.4bn in sales it recorded a year earlier. The results disappointed Wall Street, as the precharge earnings of \$2.30 a share fell short of the average forecast of \$2.42 a share. Shares fell \$1.50 to \$92.25 in early trading in New York.

Lou Gerstner, chairman, said: "Our hardware sales were disappointing in the third quar-ter, largely due to supply im-balances in System/390 servers and high-end storage products. "However, it is encouraging that, given the breadth of our

port good results overall," he said. Hardware sales were essentially flat in the quarter, at \$7.8bn, but revenues in all re-

gions were np.
IBM said its RS/6000 workstation and its storage product revenues were up compared with the year-ago period, and that personal computer sales However, AS/400 minicom-

puter family revenues declined due to a product transition to new models, expected this quar-ter. Mainframe revenues fell because of ongoing price cuts

and supply shortages.

IBM's software sales continned to show solid growth and
services and revenues of its component products contin-ned strongly. The company said the number of users of Lotus Notes - groupware for collab-orative, team-based working also increased "significantly" the quarter, but was not more specific. It also said it was an excellent quarter for Lotus's

electronic mail software. "Tin particularly pleased with the product performance from Lotus this quarter - the first quarter that Lotus has been part of the IBM family," Mr Gerstner said. "Equally important, the IBM-Lotus integration efforts are moving forward quick-ly and effectively."

COMPANY RESULTS					
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Heavy Boot (1)	86.7m (72.1m)	2.7m (2.57m)	7p (6.8p)	1.95p (1.85p)	
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Pateraon Zechonis (F)	286.8m(266.6m)	25.1m(28.1m)	32.35p (36.6p)	15p (13.85p)	
Tie Rack (I)	41.5m(36.5m)	0.49m (0.41m)	0.63p (0.53p)	0.5p (n/l)	
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Scholl bemused by merger letter from French company

Scholl, the UK footwear and care group, said yesterday it was seeking clarification from a small, unlisted French company which sent it a letter raising the possibility of a merger.
It said the letter, which it re-

ccived on Monday, was "extremely vague", and that there was no evidence that the French company would be in a position to implement an offer. Scholl is currently under siege from a dissident shareholding

group led by Julian Treger and Brian Myerson, two South African investors who run an investment fund, the UK Active Value Fund (Ukav). Mr Treger and Mr Myerson want Scholl to sell itself and have requisitioned an extraordinary gener-al meeting at which they wish

to depose three board members. Ukav is also trying to force a restructuring at Signet, the

the Stock Exchange that it had synergies from being taken over recently become aware, through a filing in the US, that a group of its shareholders, including Ukav, is trying to take control of its hoard by replacing all or a majority of the company's directors while not intending to make a bid for the company. Scholl has not identified the

French firm hut it said the letter had been sent to it at the behest of Mr Treger at Ukav. The board has been advised by its bankers, Samuel Montagn, that the letter does not constitute a serious takeover approach.
A statement said: "The pro-

posal in this letter is extremely vague and furthermore the French company is unlisted, is much smaller than Scholl and no evidence has been produced

heavily indehted jewellery chairman, said: "We have been group, which yesterday notified told by them there would be by a large international company. But all they have produced is a small-sized national husiness. Clearly we will take this approach seriously but we would have done that anyway, he said. "I cannot see that this justifies the fuss that is going

> Scholl's circular to share-holders, which advises them to vote against the dissident shareholders' proposals, also knocks the credentials of those, including Mr Treger and Mr Myerson, who are being proposed as new board members for the company.

Brian Myerson, for example, is said to have been domyr 1987 a director of Euro Suisse Securities, whose published acthat it is, or would be, in a po-sition to implement any offer." counts reveal an aggregate con-solidated pre-tax losses of £726,516 on turnover of near-





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Copies of the press release issued by Lloyds Bank Pic and TSB Group plc and responses to enquiries can be obtained by shareholders of both companies by calling

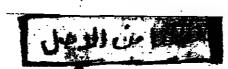
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Formal documentation relating to the merger will be posted to shareholders of Lloyds Bank Pic and of TSB Group pic as soon as possibla.

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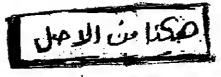
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£450m Keebler sell-off expected at United Biscuits

Shares in the troubled United lief for UB, which has been Biscuits were actively traded struggling to make headway in it had found a buyer for its Keebler snacks business in the US. Dealers were talking about a sale price of between

£450m and £500m.

four US groups - PepsiCo, Campbell Soups, Nabisco and General Mills.

UB as a whole is still viewed in some quarters as a possible take-over target for Cadbury Schweppes, down 10p to 529p. Cadbury expressed an interest in UB two years ago. One dealer added that Nestlé could not be ruled out of any possible

yesterday amid a rumour that its main markets principally because of fierce international competition in snacks. Cash from the disposal would also bolster the company's finan-

More than 3 million shares were traded and the price closed 2p higher at 286p, having touched 294.5p at one time during the session.

The likely buyer for Keebler, according to dealers, is one of four US groups — Persico cially stretched balance sheet. to all-time highs.
The FT-SE 100 share index,

which was almost 23 points higher in morning trading despite the release of worrying public sector borrowing requirement data, finished at 3,562.2, up 4.9. The all-time closing peak was set a month ago at 3,570.8. Trading volumes were bet-

JOHN SHEPHERD

MARKET REPORT

of figure to associate with yes-terday's early runaway perfor-mance by the FT-SE 100 index. Shares in Gartmere, the fund management group, closed 5p lower at 288p amid talk that National Westminster, up 4p to 644p, had abandoned its take-over plans. City sources said that it had pulled out of the bidding because it thought the likely £400m ask-ing price was too high, given Gartmore's heavy dependence on business with institutional clients. This contrasted with

Nat West's strategy of concen-trating on business with private

hat in the ring. So to is ABN Amro, owners of Hoare Govett stockbrokers, Dresdner Bank and Nationsbank.

Meanwhile, NatWest yesterday dipped into its bulging purse for \$135m (£86m) to buy Gleacher, the privately owned US-based mergers and acquisitions firm.

Analysts expect the deal to be just one of several to be rolled out by NatWest in the coming months. The bank is being strongly tipped as a suit-or for Royal Bank of Scotland,

750p a share, valuing the com-pany at between £5.4bn and £6bn. The valuation includes a £1.76bn price tag for the bank's Direct Line insurance business. Almost 7million shares in

Royal Bank of Scotland were traded yesterday as the latest wave of bid rumours circulat-ed. The speculative list of other suitors includes HSBC, up 3p to 951p, and Abbey National, down 6p to 557p.

ADT were a strong market, spurting 22p to 920p on strong speculation that the Bermudabased company, headed by Michael Ashcroft, was on the verge of selling its European car auction business. This was thrown open to the highest bidder back in May at a reserve price believed to be around £200m. Prudential Ventures ahead 9p to 534p.

Analysts at SBC Warburg strongly against an American

as the shares soared to an alltime high of 195p, up 14p on the day. The annual meeting is being held today, and there is a chance that Alan Sugar, chairman, may announce that he is to lessen his grip on the company, selling shares to some institutions.

Manchester United fans had a small cheer as the price firmed ip to 197p. But Millwall

continues to languish at 3p. In oils, Arco dropped out of the running for Aran Energy as its £178m take-over offer was trumped by a £203m cash bid. Aran has yet to decide whether to recommend Statoil's terms.

Corporate results were thin on the ground, and those that did make statements met with mixed reactions. They included Tie Rack, up 4p to 154p, Pa-

It was also a good day for Dittenham Hotspur supporters generate excitement and the generate excitement and the shares shot-up 41p to a high of £15.68 in early dealings, as a rumour circulated that Rupert Murdoch was keen to buy the company's music business. The media baron has previously made known his interest in a music business and will not have the field to himself. Disney and Viacom are also in the hunt, and there is a growing belief that either may mount a full blown £17 a share bid for

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☐ There was talk that Norcros was about to dispose of its printing and packaging operations. API, steady at 514p, and Bemrose, also unchanged at 397p, are tipped as the likely buyers.

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closed at £15.27, np 10p.

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enter the stalls, and wished it away to the knacker's yard for its stupidity and meanness of spirit, reflect for a momeot on Richard Maxwell's explanation

of its thought process.
"Io the wild," Maxwell says, "a horse's predators are cats and dogs. Dogs can't grab a horse around the neck like a cat can, but what they'll do is to try to bite it near where its stomach meets its back legs. If they can make a small incision in the flesh there and open the stomach wall, the intestines will begin to fall out and the pack will simply follow the horse until it falls over. In the starting stalls, the running rail which the jock-eys put their feet oo touches horses in that area, and some of them just can't tolerate it. their instincts tell them to get the hell out."

When it's put that way, you wonder that any of them go in at all, and still more at how Maxwell ever manages to persuade the difficult ones otherwise. He is the consultant to whom Henry Cecil, Michael Stoute, John Gosden, David Loder and several other leading trainers turn wheo one of their valuable young charges turns out to he a problem child. The average horse weighs in at half a ton, and Richard Maxwell tips the scales at 160lb, but when he

tells them to stay put, they do. Or rather, they do eventual-

If you have ever cursed foully at a horse which is reluctant to Richard Maxwell uses psychotherapy to treat problem horses. Greg Wood reports

> portrayed as a semi-mystical figure, a sweet-talking cross be-tweeo Dr Doolittle and the Marlboro man, whose every word is heard and understood by his equine patients. The reality is rather different. Maxwell's techniques rely on repetition, habituation, and long, patient hours of one-to-one work.

Maxwell is a disciple of Monty Roberts, the American expert oo equine behaviour who designed the thick rug, worn over the horse's sensitive area, which allows a handler to gradually introduce them to the stalls. His theories on "communicating" with horses - in essence trying to understand how and why they react to certain situations and keeping this in mind when attempting to change their be-haviour - first came to Maxwell's attention during his time as an officer in the House-

hold Cavalry. "I had to ride horses which had been broken using the Monty Roberts method," he says. "The previous year, when they hadn't, I was getting thrown off and hurt, but with Monty's method we did 35 horses and I didn't get thrown once. There and then forward to become acwere all types of horses, but they all behaved in exactly the same way, and it was a revelation to me, it was like being born again. I feel so much more at ease now

Maxwell went to California to learn Roberts's techniques from the man himself, returning to Newmarket 18 months ago to set up as, in effect, an equine psychotherapist. The Roberts approach to breaking horses still attracts Laddite suspicion among many at Headquarters, but Maxwell's work with starting-stall phobias has had such consistent success - 11 out of the 12 horses he has worked with at Warren Place, for example, have gone on to win -that few oow doubt its worth. Vettori, this year's French 2,000 Guineas winner, and the Group-class performers, La Confederation and Stelvio, have

After leaving the Army,

been among those to benefit. But it can be dangerous work too. As we talk, Maxwell is working at Henry Cecil's stable with a two-year-old filly whose aversion to the stalls is such that she is at present unraceable. Now, after four hours' work in recent days, he has persuaded her, with the help of the comforting rug, to walk into a wood-en stall. He asks her to stand there, moving a step or two back customed to the touch of the running rail.

All the time, her body language is loud and fluent. "As she goes backwards, her eyes open and her blinking slows right



Maxwell uses a thick rug which covers a horse's sensitive areas and gives it confidence to enter the stalls

Photograph: Adam Scott

down because she's worried something might be going to get her. When she snorts, it's just anger. And when she starts licking and biting, she's trying to be submissive. If she's eating, or pretending to eat, she's not worried about her immediate safety, but at the moment she's finding it very difficult."

Just how difficult is about to

startles her and she is off away, dragging Maxwell behind her as he clings grimly to her halter. She rears, bucks and kicks, but he refuses to let go. After a fran-tic 15 seconds, she relents, and Maxwell leads her back to the entrance to the stall. The process begins again.

"It's been a real learning process for me too," he says, "stood here when one of them

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runs at you. I've been knocked stall for two minutes or more, to the floor a few times. But you have to try and keep yourself controlled. Sometimes I've been stood at the end of this rope and felt the horse's heart beating through it, they're that terrified. If my heart's racing, she'll feel it and her own will go up too."

Forty-five minutes later, the filly will stand in the woodeo

daunted. "The tougher they are, the more involved you and her drooping head shows get," he said. "Stelvio, who won that she is slowly becoming accustomed to the process. Yet the Queeo's Vase, that boy still, there is a long way to go -an hour each day for perhaps put me through murder. One time something triggered him and it was like being tied to four weeks - before she will be able to face a full set of metal Mike Tysoo in a broom cupstalls amid the ooise and stress board, he hattered the heli

"But when I saw him gallop many, but Maxwell is un- past the post at Ascot ...

Murphy overcomes another hurdle

Declan Murphy came through his first ride over jumps at Chepstow yesterday but, unlike his victorious return to race-riding at the same track a week ago, this time his mount could

finish only seventh. Murphy almost died after a fall in a burdle race 17 months ago and Southampton, the beast charged with providing the jockey with a return to racing over timber, brought his rider back safely but 22 lengths beNAP: Queen's Insignia (Yarmouth 2.30) NB: Neuwest (Yarmouth 2.00)

HYPERION 2.10 McGregor The Third 2.40 isnocent George 3.10 Sword Beach 3.40 De Jordann 4.10 Mor-

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Course is on AI, 5m N of town. Metro service to Four Lane
Ends from Newcostle station. Boson from there. ADMISSION:
Cub. 512 (OAPs 54), 16 to 30-year-olds 55, under-16s free!; Teltensalis 59 (OAPs 54). CAR PARK: Members 51; remainder free.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Sharp Sand (4.10) & Done Well (4.40) sent 101 miles by P Montekh from Bosewell, Lothien.

2.10 BEDALE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS' E) £4,000 added 3m

2.40 BARBOUR' BILLY BOW HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS D) £4,750 2m 110yds

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- 4 declared -BET/ING: 2-1 Imacoust Georgia, 9-4 Chadudai's Gingler, 7-2 Astroleca, 9-

3.10 DURHAM HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £6,500 added 2m 4f

1.50 KRAFT INCOB SUCHARD NOVICE HURDLE

DETENDE: 2-1 Sezzhad, 8-4 Trada Wind, 5-2 Sinnerid, 14-1 Mr Cetton Scolin, 16-1 Erhibitian Prince, 20-1 Cled Hopper, 25-1 others

2.20 KITSONS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 6) £2,400 added 2m 1f 110yds

354 ELSDON (15) C Poptem 4 11 10 Tourcembe (7)
3013-55 ROHEMAN (MERI (13) (7) J Sporing 5 11.5 — A Phigins
628-05 LUMILIERT (189) (5) R Hodges 8 11 4 — Herois (7)
3540P LITTLE HOOLIGEN (23) (72) G Edwards 4 11 9 — A P No.

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2.50 BOOKER FOODSERMCE NOMICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £3,500 2m 1f 110 yds

(CLASS E) £2,800 added 2m 1f 110yds

day. "I intend to go into it at a level I enjoy. At the moment I'm enjoying it so I don't want to lose

key Wench 4,40 Haldo'Hart

ing like last week again in my life, but today felt like work." Retiring from racecourse work is Bahri, who was a disappointing fifth in the Cham-

"Bahri has been a very good horse for us and obviously didn't stay in the Champion," his train-er, John Dunlop, said yesterday. The Hamdan Al Maktoum-

A horse that slipped through the Jockey Chib's net that sifts out applications to register horses with lewd or offensive oames has been found out before he could reach the racecourse. The Richard Hannon-trained twoyear-old by Archway out of Gobolino, due to run at Newbury on Thursday, was originally registered and entered as The Gobbler. The Jockey Club has taken exception to the name and the colt will oow run moder the

2.00 Clearly Devious 2-30 Queen's Insignle 3.00 Keltaire Girl 3.30 Tambid (nb)

GOING: Cood to Pirt. STALLS: Par side. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low from 61 to 1m.

HYPERION

4.00 Unreal City

4.30 Brighstone

5.00 Keston Pond

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MUNNESS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Quality (2.20) won at Erdear on Thursday.

LONG-DESTANCE EDINESS: Legal Fiction (5.00) & Mony's Case (3.00) have been sent

219 miles by M Johnston from Middleham, N Torks.

	2.00	RUNHAM MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,250 added 3YO I'm Pensity Value £3,969
1	3	MEND WAYY (137) Good Partyrough 1 Current 9 D
2	526063	DURCE VALENTINO (LIS) (I E Digg R Hollinshend 8.0 T Ives 9
3	D	ERRANT (E37) (Alex Grove) D Compose 80 0 Contex 3
4		EXORE DU NORD (407) (Ales Z Westmore) H Collegacies 9 0
5	D	FIRE THE ARVE. (18) (J Durkot) Durkop 9 0
6		NEUWEST (USA) (25) 6 terroten Al Melecount) H Thomson James 9 0 R Hills 4
7		SADARAH (USA) (USA) (Terry Thorn) C Smith 80 J Steck (3) 2
8		CHEEKY CHARM (USA) (\$73) \$450000 Al Niskoursi M Stoup 89W 9 ? whiters 6
9		CLEVELY DEVIOUS CLES (Scrop Broke) J Personne 5 9 D r. and see
10		DARCEY BUSSELL (I.B) (W.) Greden) 8 Hills 89
ii	65	TIMESLESS (SP) (SP) (RP) (RP) Price Fand Salman) H Cool 8 9 W Ryen 5 11 declared _
距	TING: 5-2	Sund Wavy, 3-1 Timeless, 4-1 Nectross, 5-1 Clearly Devices, 5-1 Fire The Arall, 12

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NEUWEST had been off the course for 1.1 months when going down a neck and a shorthead behind Dreamboot and Yeast at Radeo (77) three weeks ago three weeks ago. Tom Jorres's Sone West coit, always to the fore, lept on well nearing the linish and the estin fund should be a help. Bend Warry, going off at 25-1, took minor honous to five-length score Bri Rose at Newmarket in June on his single appearance to far — slow-staring Briest, less of 12. Luce Current's Katach ook is bound to progress from the experience and might provide most danger despite an absence of more than four months. Clearly Devices are Lancensate to a head at Pontefract 15 days ago when making her febut, and should have nothing to feer from Duke Valentino (three lengths adoft as fourth) or Fire The Anvill (1.1) or 13). Timeless has proved a diseppointing favourite for both her races but this good-bolang Royal Academy fity cannot be ruled out with Henry Cacil's stable in good form. Selection: NELWEST.

2	.30	BILLOCKBY NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO 1m Penalty Value £4,110
1		MAJPOSETH (USA) (27) (D) Dismitten Al Melitourn) J Dunkop 9 7
2	014310	VANGSTEINE POINT (15) (IV) (John Manley) 9 Louis 9 7A Wholes (5) 8
3	030	DTALAM (22) (Adel M Almos) W Haster 95 At 15
4	357202	PRINCE OF FLORENCE (22) (Exors of the late G Serregit) L Current & 5
5	6410	NADEMAN (23) (D) (Hamden Al Majacum) D Mortey 9 3
6	. 243	CLASSIC LOVER (26) (Classic Bloodstock Pict & Williams 9 1
7	442651	QUALITY (SP. ET) (N S York) W O'Gorman 9 1 (Sed Errore O'Gorman 11
8	523	NOSEY NATIVE (29) Claims Puting J Peace 8 13 6 Bardwell 14
9	436	ADDIE PRAY (20) (M Sincles) M Janua 811
10	5411	QUEEN'S INSIGNA (USA) (18) (D) (AV H Porsonby) P Cole 8.5 Dane O'Nell (5) 18
11	400	JUST MUSAIRCE (21) (N / Gredler) C Britain 84
12	0600	MYSTSC DAMEN (20) (Mr. A M Lipschift 8 Dow 8 3M Roberts 12
13	206102	SCHITHEBURY (III) (Mark D Johnson) 8 Woods 8 1 M Baird (5) 8
14	000	FLASH IN THE PAN (29) (Lady Newmort) M Bell 713F Norton 4
15	0400	JERRY CUTRIONIA (29) (Michael Hill) N Callegram 7 12 JF Egins 2
15	000013	STATELY (15) (3F) (Chowsley Park Study Str Mark Prescots 711 Lores 17
17	5000	AMOURSH (128) (Nagy Asia) 3 Pagne 7 10 1 Quies 12
18		SOMET SAICT (29) (Mrs Sternich Multit) P Mitchell 7 7R Woodworth 16
19	000	GLD SCHOOL HOUSE (16) (Cld School House Racing Ltd) C Allen 77N Admiss 1

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	3.00	MARTHAM SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS & 1m Penalty Value £2,982	£3,250 addis:
1	000-	SEA 900 (505) (N.S. 8 Ward M Chapman 4 9 10	C Manday (7) 11
2	020212	MARKY'S CASE (8) (D) (M Doyle) M Johnston 5 9 9	Womer 15
3	865000	TOP SIMPPER (25) (Ma 8 Newton) 8 Hankury 3 88	Stack (3) 14
4	403000	CRISTAL GET (17) (WH Parsont) D Attation 388	7 Quan 12
5		OKAY SASY (72) (D) (Methad H Keogri) M Tompkins 3 9 2	
8	Z-05010	THRESHPELD (USA) (29) (CD) (Mrs 8) Cutey) 8 Curtey 9 9 1	W Ryes C
7	00-0406	ANTIQUAN FLYER (34) (George Prodomou) R Harrs 89 0	Quino 17
9		HO SPECIES (12) PR M Comp C Come 4 9 0.	
8	040534	BMB (57) (Dt (5 P C Woods) 8 Whoos, 58 13	C Webb (7) 2
10	000508	FORUM RACK (SE DAS A V Capputorn) R Instant 3 8 13	W Woods 15
11	D000004	BND NEWS (82) (Od School House Recard Ltd) C Allen 3 8 12	Carter 1
12	(05025	JACOUTACK (5) (D) Poter Taplic) M Chartren 3 9 11	F Edw 9
13		MESHITY REVENUENCE (S) (D) (John Puscel) C Dayer 48 11	
14	042500	CICERONE (172) (D) (D) CW ASYDDEN J L Harris 58 10	R Cochrisse 8
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		NELLISE BERL (89 (D Purches) G Land 388	
		VLADOVOSTOK (125) (3 & L. Johnson) 8 De Hann 5 8 8	
		AUST LUCKY (68) (D) (Flugh Harr) R Amestorg 3 8 8	
19	0000-00	BROLIGHTOWS PORT 65 flord Roughest W Musson 5.8.8	3 Rold 4

20 325066 FIABA (74) (D) (A J Peake) Mes N Macaulay 7 88... -20 doctored -BZTINKS 5-1 Mery's Case, 7-1 Threshfield, 8-1 Kelleire Girl, 12-1 Yolni Rack, Rad, Broughton's Port, Jackstock, 14-1 others 1994: Much Too Caver 3 8 11 W Casson 9-1 (D Monley) 19 no

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MARY'S CASE got up on the line to pro Sagebrush Roller on the post in a non-seller at Ayr lest morth and was desperately unlucky not to follow up at Leicester eight days ago, Mark Johnston's filly stumbled at the start and was soon lest of the 20 but produced a storming insh only to be boaten half a length by Nashart at Leicester. She can goin compensation here. Threshfield, a course and distance winner in 1994, finished in the ruck behind Alphabb in an ammeur riders' event at Nottingham last time but previously made all and held on determinedly to short-head Leidy Sabina at on the same course, Diang Baby also finished unplaced on her latest start but she best Mary's Case more than a length into fourth at Edinburgh in June, However, my selection can turn that around an 8th more favourable terms. Leidschack, a Lingfield Equitrack winner in April, rain Bengrong to a head at Homelton the time before lest, while the marden Kellisire Ght might Improve for the first-time blinkers. Selection: MARY'S CASE.

It would try the patience of

3.30 MAUTBY CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £7,500 added 2YO 6f Penalty Value £4,841. 1. MANCOMER (USA) (29) (D) (Shekh Mohammed) I 152 TAMMED (USA) (23) (D) (Remdon A) Makhawa) H T 123033 BEAUTHER, BALLAD (13) (K.Al-Saul) D Hills D 11 . m) H Thomson Jones 8 2 ... 331. CELANDINE (22) (D) (K Abdula) R Charlon 9 12 FAREIANA (A Roustoil) W Janus 8 6

INNER CRICLE (USA) (M Tabor) P Chapple Hyern 9 8 — S declared —

BETTING: 5-2 Tambid, 3-1 Beautiful Balled, 7-2 tener Circle, 9-2 Cetandine, 8-1 Perhaua
1994: Lymon Led 2 9 2 W Ryan 3-1 (E Dunion) 4 ran

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This tooks booked for TAMBHID, the only cold in the field and opposed by four filles. He went in first time up at Ascot in June, defeating the odds-on Eshabitis three pains of a length and was anything but descredited in finishing last of five to the unbeaten Royal Appleace in the Gimerek Stakes, while he dad not have the best of fact in nurning when chesting home Brandon Mingle, a previous and subsequent scorer; at Safesbury three weeks ago. Calandina, third in her first two cases at Ascot and at Pointerract, struck form with a vengeance when scoring by four lengths at Beth and raise the main threat. Beausthall Belliad has been placed in four of her five runs since winning at Haydock in May, most recently solding third to Resounder and Warning Them at York. Baser Circle, a designer of El Gran Sanor, and Farhasta, by Fayruz (winner of six reces as a Juvenile) must both be well regarded to be making their debuts in this rather than in a maiden. Selection; TAMHED.

4.	.00	WICKHAMPTON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV I) £5,000 added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £3,883
1		ALSANIB (USA) Disorden Al Makkoum) H Thomson Jones 80 R Hills 11
2		MAGIC HEIGHTS (E Carer) J Benis 9 0
3		PASTERNAK (Graham Rock) Sir Mark Present, 80 G Districted 8
4	525	PRIZE GIVENG (54) (Exors of the late Sir Philip Oppenhermer) G Wager 9.0
5	D	RET FREM (\$20) (Mrs Anits Green) M. Janus B DP Robinson 12
8		SEA DANZIE IP Coold P Howing 9 0 P Cockgage 5
7	000	SEBONG DESTON (18) Dilate O'Toole) M Chapmen 9 0C Manday (7) 7
8		TOM SWIFT (P Guillant) R Spacer 9 0
9		UNREAL CITY (L Marriopoulos) H Cacil 8 D
10	50	AL SHADEEDAH (USA) (90) (Jimm Qam Racing) 1 Cumani 89
11		CHARISSE DANCER & R AT SI C Wall 8 9
12		CRIMSON ROSELA (Nrs P D Rosedale) W Haggas 8.5 R McOlim 4 12 doctored R

Henry Cecil has a fine record here with his youngsters and UNREAL CITY can go in first time up. The Rock City colt is out of Tolms, usuangsters and UNREAL CITY can go in first time up. The Rock City colt is out of Tolms, usuang-up to Fairy Footsteps in the 1983, 1,000 Guineau and a half-sister to 1990 inish Denty hero fymawas, fromce (top theo-year-old of 1978) and Tachypous (runner-up in the 1977 two Thousand Guineau). Torn Jones's new-comers also know their job and the US-bred Alsahibi could prove troublescene. Pick of these with experience is Prize Giving, bestern less than a length by Villeggistura at Solisbury in August and thad to Even Top at Newmorker 16 days later.

Selection: UNREAL CITY.

4	.30	WICKHAMPTON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV E £5,000 added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £3,883)
1		BRIGHSTONE, (Michael Poland) H Cacil 8 D	
2	D	CLASSY CHIEF (19) (North Shuga) R Boss 9 0	í
3	8	NASBUDIN (USA) (21) (B E Nicken) D Loder 90 W R Salabara 10	ı
4	Ď	NOCHT SILENCE (II) D-RH Prince Faint Salman) Sir Mark Prescott 9 D	
5	Ď	MORTHERN JUDGE (12) (Abdullah Ali) 8 Hambury 9 D J Stack (3) 1	
8	2	THE BOOZENG BRIEF (USA) (17) (Mis Ania Green) M Jarus 9 D	i
7	_	MELMARSTA (G.A. Hubbert) M Tomplets 8.9P Robinson 11	
8		CAPSTORE (Lord House'd de Walder) W Janes 8 8	
9		FAUTH ALONE (Mrs R M & Neave) C Walf 88N Cartisle 2	
10	D	SHAREDA (5) (ALK ALJafak) W Hagges 8 8 N MoGhio 3	
11		STATIC LOVE (186) Odernice 19th/y T Clement 8 8	

erecux colt out of High Fountsin, who was a fair gayer. The Booking Brief lad brief in iring the two-fuding mader when beaten a length and a haif by Nevel Geoer on his de at Bingthon 17 days ago and must progress for the expenence, while Capabone, it by Heights Bly, is another newcomer to note. Selections BRGHSTONE.

	5.00	THRIGBY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,250 add Value £4,510	ed 7f Penalty
1		EXELON (11) (CD) (C E Britain) C Britain 5 10 0	
2	024310	MUTABASSIM (43) (CD) (Hamden Al Malagura) A Stevent 3 85	R HMe 18
3	500110	NESTON POND (LE) (CD) (T 8 M 8 Riley-Smith) D Wison 5 9 5	
4	041066	MEDNAGRIT JAZZ (25) (CD) IS Fustol) W O'Gorman 5 9 4	Room D'Commun 11
5	012040	SAMSOLOM (211) (C) (D) (C Hammond) P Howing 7 9 4	J Orden 6
6	0-52100	CUTPLESE MOLL (16) (CD) (Decarter, Limited) J Fanshane 3 83	D Hardens 47
7	014060	ANAM (18) (D) (Harndyn Al Myldourn) P Wahryn 3 9 2	M WE 7
à	0.633	ZMENIA (35) (Flurrden Al Maktourn) R Ausstrong 3 8 0	W / 1
ŏ	621-005	STOLEN MELDOY (4) (Max A M Upacin) 8 Dow 3 8 13	M Debute E
10	123011	SPENCER'S REVENSE (18) (D) (A S Red) M Rion 8813.	C Partie 7
11	509500	LEGAL FICTION (24) (D) (U 8 Moreon) M Johnston 4 9 12	1 Warner 20
12	201250	PELENAN (11) (M Berger) R Boss 3 8 11	MORRE 24
13	101035	SPANSH STRIPPER (USA) (69) (Tony Setchell) M Chapman 4 8 9	
14	100,000	STATES STREET LOOK (CO) (CO) (CO) SECTED M CIRCUM 4 8 9	C Product (7) 3
-	100-000	FLIGHT SOURDLY (120) (Sir Evelyn De Rottschild) M Stoute 3 8 8	
15	33-023	SPUBLINITE (29) (Very Rowley) R Champion 3 8 7	A MoGlome 14
16	403020	MORDCCO (4) (D) (Alartin Myses) M Chancon 6.86	F Egun 23
17	35-000	MACROTES POOR (124) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 3 85	G Hind 2
18	562000	CHEP'S LADY (4) (Old School House Racing Ltd) C Allen 3 7 7	Bailed (5) 18
19	143058	ANDAY (20) (C) (R J Thomes) D Wilson 5 7 7	
20	00-0006	DALCROSS (41) (R.A. Clones) H Collegidge 4 7 7	N Varies (3) 12

Afrimum weight: 7st 7th. The handlass weights: After 7st 6th, Dekross 7st 1th. EETTRN: 7-1 Zahma, 8-1 Spanner's Havenge, 9-1 Reatine Pond, 30-4 Metabe 12-1 Annan, Legiel Fiction, Stolen Neighty, 34-1 others 1984: Ledy Lodger 3 9 11 G Duffield 20-1 (Sr Maris Proceed) 19 ran

FORM GUIZE. WA, open to more improvement than most of these, can open her account on her first ZARWA, open to more improvement than most of these, can open her account on her first verture into hardicap company. Robert Armstong's three-year-old, unplaced on her only un at two, has taken the minor position in the last two of her three races this elector, against Nottash at Sandown in August and Summer Retrest at Sandown the following month. Wifee Carson, who note the Cadeaux Genereux tily lest time, sticks with her here although Hamdon Af Mektourn is also represented by Amass and Blatabassian (a course aftinough Hamdon Af Mektourn is also represented by Amass and Blatabassian (a course aftinough Hamdon Aff Mektourn is also represented by Amass and Blatabassian (a course with the races this year, all at all-weather tracis, sent in at Salisbury in May and, despite a four-mosth absence, tolowed up at Wohentampton, stamming Gentle lover six lengths. He seems likely to trouble the best of those. Keaton Pood was chefforg up his third success of the seeson when nesting Stolen Niss a length in the 28-uniner Ayr Silver Cup but could do no better then 23rd of 30 to Sameh at Neumariet 18 days ago when Catpurne Moli (a winner over the trip here) this their degith and Stolen Melody 23th. Samenskom's two course wins were over six and he may not be so effective over seven but Ertion — a winner over the distance here last year and sixth of 23 to Començão Componion at York last time — and Legal Piction, only three lengths of the winner when aswersti of 13 behind Mo-Addeb at Ascot tiree weeks ago. must go on the shortlet. Selection: ZAHWA.

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1.30; 1. CLASSIC EARLE (A Mackey) 5-1; 2. Smills N Wilstin 5-1; 3. Clementer 7-1, 11; 244, 4-1 g face Society Magic & Feetin, 14, 13, (S Wilserst), Totac £7.20; 21.90, £1.70, £1

2.30: 1 BAJAN ROSE (R Cochrane) 14-1;

2.30: 1. BAJAN ROSE (R Cochrane) 14-1;
2. Tinker Operation 14-1; 3. Facture; Racing 16-1; 4. Acude 20-1. 20 rea. 7-1 fov La Poute Fusce. Strind, stri-nd, (M. Blanshord. Totas £18.60: £4-20, £3.00; £7.70, £5.30.
DF: £106.00. CSF: £188.84. Tricast: £2,887.08. fov: £2,722.40.
3.00: 1. LATIN REBGN (I Reid) 4-5 fav; 2. Sharaf 4-1; 3. Present Arms 6-1. 10 res., 4-5. PC Popple-Hyani, 7-tota: £1,80; £1.30.
£1.40, £1.80. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.81.
3.30: 1. FIRST CENTURY Ray Cochrane; 7-2; 2. The Black Monk 14-1; 3. Time For A Factor 12-1. 12 ran., 5-2 fav Southern.
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RICHARD EDMONDSON

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England have the stomach for the fight

Martin Johnson or the prospects for Mike Atherton's men, who head for South Africa today

ngland's cricketers leave and never has a team been mnre ready. After weeks of secret training with vol au vents, avocado dips, canapcs and agonising selection choices between vodka martinis and screwdrivers, Michael Atherton's men have not left a single olive stone unturned.

Thirty years ago, when South Africa last issued England with a party invitation, the offer was withdrawn when their guests decided to come improperly attired. Sorry, no black ties - or anything remotely resembling that colour, was the crux of the message from Dr Vorster's apartheid government.

However, South Africa's circle of friends finally shrunk to such proportions that any vaguely friendly visitor was smothered in lipstick, and England are now afraid of being killed by kindness. Death, as it were, by a thousand

cocktail parties.
As a result, England's chairman and team manager (for whom the choice between a smoked salmon mousse and a cod and chips wrapped in the Bradford Argus would not represent much of a contest) has ploughed his way through a vast list of invitations to official functions, and concluded that England do not have too clever a record at Test cricket after an early night, never mind after tottering home from some state hanquet or other.

"We have had," Ray ond any number of invitations to efficiently. social functions, and while we have accepted some of them, a good bowling against South Africa at many more have been rejected. The Oval last year which sig-

ing the fact that England have England are afraid heen going on tour to play crick- of being killed by et for some years without managing kindness. Death to achieve that objective, this is by a thousand one issue that Raymond and his cocktail parties captain will not

be falling out abroad, winning over. Michael Atherton (a pint and a packet of crisps man) would losing six. Many have been by emsooner face the West Indies attack barrassing margins, and it was last on a minefield than a blazered winter's débâcle in Australia which several overs of verbal rhubarb.

The fact that South Africa have been back in the international fold for four years now only marginreplacing a roller towel) will have surgeon.

Nowhere, not even Australia, is

Photograph: Brendan Monks Allan Donald (left) versus Mike Atherton will be a

Now that South Africa have officially embraced Law 42 (Unfair Play against the human race) their hatsmen will be facing the likes of Devon Malcolm on the field rather than having to worry about nothing more than whether Malcolm has whitened their Illingworth said the other day, satisfactorily, or served the lunch

It was Malcolm's devastating Essentially, we are going on this tour to play cricket." English new dawn, only for that Notwithstand- one to sink be-

> just as swiftly as most of the previous ones. Since Mike Gatting's side retained the Ashes in Australia eight winters ago, Eng-land have played

eight Test series

neath the horizon

problems stemmed far more from a shortfall in attitude than talent.

Neither Atherton nor Illingworth is inclined to talk in coded ally dissipates the historical sig- messages, and if the England nificance of this trip. It is 106 years dressing room is not quite yet a since South Africa first embraced commando HQ, neither is it a boy a visit from the England cricket scout hut any longer. England are team, and yet this is the first time taking a doctor away with them that a black man (other than for this winter, but at least they should purposes of sweeping the floor or not need a heart transplant

the killer instinct more crucial than South Africa.

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2-5: Border, East London. 9-12: South Africa A. Kimberley." 16-20: First Test, Centurian Park. 23-26: Orange Free State, Bloemfontein. 30-Dec 4: Second Test, Johannesburg

in South Africa. England can expect an avalanche of welcome mats off the field, but when it comes down to the actual combat. no sporting nation in the world possesses a harder nose than

1.1: Second one-day international, Bloemfortein d-n): 13: Third one day international, Johannesberg -14: Fourth one day international, Centurian Park. 17: Fifth one-day International, Durban (day-night). 19: Shift one-day international, East London (day night).... 21: Seventh one-day international, Port Elizabeth

20-22: Combined SA University

26-30: Fourth Test, Port Bizabeth,

New Zealand can testify to this after rugby union's World Cup final, and neither did South Africa's The "goodwill" tour was the cosmetic label attached to their trip to India in 1991 - one long round re-entry into international cricket of garlands, motorcades, and visafter a 22-year ostracisation prevent its to Mother Teresa - and the goodwill survived right up until their abrasive competitiveness from rising to the surface. the opening match in Calcutta,

which ended with South Africa accusing their hosts of hall

tampering.
That was a one-day international, the feeling being at the time that South Africa was not quite ready for a return to Test cricket, a form of the surve they had to almost totally re-learn after two decades of isolation. The feeling now is that they are still not quite there, and that the lack for the series. It is a danger-

ous assumptioo, even though the Ray Illingworth new generation of South African African has finally cricket (post Wessels, Cook and announced his Rice) has still to mature fully. The team of tour last home opposi-England selectors. 'Me' identified as ready

were India in 1993. Result, played Stewart no longer being asked to three, lost three - two by an keep wicket, Illingworth's pre-

South Africa as coach despite his successful association with War-input on this tour. After much wickshire, will have added tactical and technical acumen, and he will have been more or less super- announced his team of tour fluous in the art of supplying selectors. "Me". motivation and self-confidence. The republic's current president The republic's current president winter offfering long distance im-can testify to the fact that personations of Fred Trueman ("I the Afrikaaner culture is not ex-

how their hatsmen face up to South Africa's fast bowling. Allan Donald is the best in the world. Fanie de Villiers has a year or two in him yet, Breit Schultz has recently made a successful return from injury, and there are a number of younger pace bowlers (among them Peter Pollock's son, Shaun) beginning to come through.

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The pitches themselves are not likely to favour one side or the other. Johannesburg and Pretoria have a bit of pace and bounce, Cape Town and Durban are on the slow hut uneven side (Durban's humidity providing more assistance for swing bowlers) while Port Elizabeth is the one venuc likely to embrace the spinners.

However, if England are to

make a decent fist of this tour, there will have to be a significant improvement in their appalling fitness record. Last winter in Australia, the first patient through the door of the X-ray clinic was invariably an English cricketer, and at one stage in Toowoomba they were so short of ahle-bodied personnel that the physiotherapist was pressed into fielding service.

This time, they have not even made it to Heathrow with a clean hill of health, Richard Johnson reacted to his surprise selection by immediately failing a medical, and Alec Stewart's right index finger has been battered so often that he scarcely knows whether to smear it with vasoline and slip it mside a glove, or smother it with mustard and plonk it between two slices of bread.

Stewart's fitness is crucial to of real depth to their domestic England's batting line-up, in that cricket makes England favourites there is no other specialist opener to partner Atherton. The rest

of the top order puts Thorpe at No 4, Robin Smith at Graeme Hick at No 6, with John Crawley and Mark Ramprakash disputing the No 3 position. In the absence

of a recognised all-rounder and ference for five bowlers has been Bob Woohner, whose cricketing temporarily abandoned, although agonising over the best men for the job, Raymond has finally

Illy spent a good chunk of last don't know what's going off over actly underpinned by feelings of there...") and if England make a inferiority. The key to England doing view with Keith Fletcher ought to well is likely to revolve around make entertaining reading.

Rowell asks some searching questions Newcastle's Wasps stay in nest

STEVE BALE

English rugby was yesterday confronted with what may be an inconvenient truth when Jack Rowell, the England team manager, posed this question: are the Rugby Foothall Union, leading clubs and impatient supporters prepared to subordinate everything in favour of winning the 1999 World Cup?

The question was posed when Rowell addressed a post-95 World Cup conference three months ago but his remarks have now been reported in the RFU's technical journal "England Rugby" and go to the heart of how his team might beat the rest of England are to play with the the world consistently as op-posed to in occasional one-offs. sire to attack from any

at Marlow last night, to Rowell's way of thinking they were get-ting ready for four years hence just as much as for next month, when they play South Africa at Twickenham.

"Success on the world stage can be seriously contemplated only if the RFU gears everything to this end," he said. "This means that the structure of the domestic game must take the commitment of the international team into account as a priority. "In the World Cup skill

levels which are sufficient for the Five Nations were inadequate. Of all the teams, [only] New Zealand could play at pace. If

So when the England squad situation, the game nationally has some, hopefully hrief, interim met for an injury-ravaged session to be the nursery for this style." some, hopefully hrief, interim period it wouldn't matter if cised - not least by Dick Best,

whom he sacked as coach - for the failure of his England teams to match up to his own rhetoric of attacking, risk-taking rugby and, if nothing else, these opinions should ensure that the burden of responsibility is shared. But the club-v-country ten-

sions evident as the game moves towards outright professionalism make Rowell's views as welltimed as a Paul Turner pass. He not only wants the national team to have the priority, but also needs English clubs as well as England to sacrifice themselves by adopting the self-same attacking, risk-taking style.

England lost in the Five Nations or against touring teams while we undertake the change?" Rowell asked "Could the RFU. supporters and players accept that it's one thing to rehearse a new style but yet another to produce it successfully in the

heat of an international?" In other words, Rowell wishes to follow the path trodden over the past four years by Laurie Mains, the New Zealand coach, who was willing - though hardly happy - to take the flak when the All Blacks suffered some unlikely setbacks while he was constructing a team and a style to win the 1995 World Cup.

acking, risk-taking style.

"With regard to a change in all that prevented this happenstyle, could it be agreed that for ing and, not only did New

Zealand play by far the best rugby, it happened because they had spent years gradually putting the theory of ambitious rugby into practice. The lesson is not lost on Rowell, but then nor is the intensity of public expectation which did not diminish with England's semi-final defeat by the All Blacks.

But to succeed, Rowell admits he needs help. His ques-tioning continued: "Would cluh officials and spectators be happy if for some relatively long or short term their side lost some of their games - seemingly unnecessarily - in pursunt of the more open, probably error-strewn, adventurous style of play? The World Cup lessons are available to all of us; is the will also available?" Right now, he does not have the answer.

DAVID LLEWELLYN

Wasps' nest may have been stirred up by their England flyhalf Rob Andrew signing up his club captain Dean Ryan, the former England No 8 for Newcastle RFC Ltd, but no-one is going to press the panic button just yet. Jeff Probyn, the former England prop, is a lone voice calling for Andrew and Ryan to

be dropped immediately.
On Saturday fourth-placed Wasps entertain Leicester, who are currently second in the First Division, and there is little likeli-hood that heads will roll before then. Ryan said: "Jeff is well known for his strong views, but they don't necessarily represent a majority on the committee or within the club. Bringing

half for a game against Leicester could prove disastrous." Rob Smith, the Wasps coach, inforced Ryan's views. "There

is no rush to appoint a new cap-tain," he said. "It's important to get the right guy, one the players will respond to. I am going to keep an open mind and talk to people, listen to what they have to say. I've already talked to a lot of players and their initial reaction has been that Dean carries on in charge."

Newcastle still have their eye

on the Wales and British Lions scrum-half, Robert Jones, and last night he confirmed that he had been in talks with Andrew. "I spoke to Rob briefly a couple of weeks ago," Jones said, "but there has been no formal offer as yet. I've looked at

in a new captain, No 8 and fly- what is actually going on up there and I've been very excited by the potential. If something did come through I'd be interested. I told Rob I wanted to get # involved in the coaching set-up, although initially I would play

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of the Portuguese football club. Porto, who attended a training session to welcome back their coach, Bobby Robson, after a

cancer operation in England.

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Second Division 18 Brentford v Peterborough

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Bell's Scottish League

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FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN
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Crook v Fernyhil: Durham v Tow Law; Guisbonough v Billingham Synthonia; Munton v
Epoleton; Shifton v Duriston; Whickham v
Seeham Red Star.

JEWSON EASTERN LEAGUE Premier Division: Stowmarket v Newmarket; Sudbury Town v Tiptree.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE Pro UNUET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE First Division: Eastbourne Town v Crowborough.
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White-bask v Lancing.
LEAGUE OF WALES: Commarton v Conwy
(7.45). League Cup first round: Ebbw Vale
v Cwmbran.

CAMINEST LEAGUE First Divisions Scinn v Newcastie (7.0); Manchester Lid v Birmingiam (7.0); Manchester Lid v Birmingiam (7.0); Nota County v Nest Bromwer (7.0); Shefield Wednesday v Nottingham Forest (7.0); Second Division: Aston Vila v Port Vale (7.0); Biodipool v Rotherham (7.0); Bradford v Monchester City (7.0); Mindlesbrough v Preson (7.0); All that Division: Carlisle v Rochesle (7.0); Darlend Division: Carlisle v Rochesle (7.0); Darlend Division: Carlisle v Rochesle (7.0); Scarborough v Lincoln (7.0); Scurptope v Walsell (7.0); Sechport v Chesterfield (6.45); Wrestrem v Wegan (7.0).

AVON INSURANCE COMERMATION First Division: Bristol City v Oxford Utst: Luch v Chestion; Norwich v Brighton; Southampton v West Harn (at Manchesod); Winthledon v Ipswich (2.0) (at Plough Lare). Second Division League Cape Bath v Pyrmouth (at Keynsham); Cardiff v Birmingiam (2.0); Newport v Swanses (7.46) (at Califord).

FRESHOLY MARTCH: Macdesfield Town v Theledol (7.46).

FREENDLY MATCH: Macclesfield Town v Their

Rugby League

Rugby Union Midiande Pool One: East Midards shire (7.30) (at Northampton). Pool Two: Notis, Lines and Derbyshire v Wa wickshire (7.15) (at Notingham).

CLUB MATCHES: Portypool v Swenses (7.0); Speedway PREMIER LEAGUE: Arena Essex y Por (7.30).

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Manchester Gants v Chester Jers (8.0).

Other sports

Semi-finals to sell out

The Halifax Centenary World Cup is heading for a semi-final sell-out with both Old Trafford and Huddersfield likely to be packed to the rafters, writes Dave Hadfield.

Old Trafford has a pre-set capacity of 31,000 - more than the Manchester derby last Saturday - and the mysterious discrepancy is the latest in a series of ticketing hlunders.

England have delayed their selection for the game against Wales until tomorrow, although that is unlikely to give Shaun

pneumonia, time to stake a

Wales will be without John Devereux, whose knee was so badly lacerated in the victory over Western Samon that it needed surgery, and Neil Cowie, who has damaged ankle ligaments. However, Scott Gibbs, who missed that game. should be fit to return and 4,700 fewer than the crowd for Alian Bateman has been cleared following an examina-

tion of damage to his mouth. Eddie Ward, of Brishane. has been given the joh of refereeing the match, and Castleford's Russell Smith, has been appointed to preside over the other semi-final, between Aus-Edwards, slowly recovering tralia and New Zealand at the from a knee infection, or Gary 19,000-capacity Alfred Mc-Connolly, recuperating after Alpine Stadium on Sunday.

Hallett spea

The fight Depleted Rangers reach point of no return and charged with drink-thiving and charge

GLENN MOORE reports from Turin

It is a time of opportunity in the Stadio delle Alpi tonight. A chance for the unheraided to stride from the shadows and

sieze the spotlight.

The stage is enticing.
Rangers, the ambitious perrenial champions of Scotland, Juventus, joint favourites with Ajax for this year's Champions' Cup trophy. Sadly, for spectators and

being shown live in all but the Granada region), the game has been dennded of a cluster of its

Rangers will be without the skills of Paul Gascoigne, Brian Laudrup and Charlie Miller and the more brutal presence of Ian Ferguson. Juventus are missing Gianluca Vialli and two long-term casualties, Attilio Lombardo and Vladimir Ju-

Another two potential match-winners went to sleep last Oleg Salenko (Rangers) and Fabrizio Ravanelli (Juventus) both face fitoess tests today.

Of the two Ravanelli is the more likely starter, although Salenko's absence would not unduly affect Rangers as Alexei Mikhailichenko stands by. With Alan McLaren suspended, Rangers would appear to be the more significantly weakened, especially as the defensive trimvirate of McLaren, Gordan Petrie and Richard Gough forms the heart of their side. Juventus have already

depth, winning 3-I away to Borussia Documend without either Vialli or Ravanelli. Instead Alessandro Del Piero, Serie A's rising star, led the attack with a maturity beyond his 20 years. In Vialli's absence he will be pushed forward again

For Rangers Craig Moore. the young Australian, is expected to replace McLaren, lan Durrant may come in for Gascoigne, and Ally McCoist is likely to play a central striking role with Gordon Durie and chenko on the flanks. "This match will show whether we have a chance of qualifying." Walter Smith, the

Rangers manager, said. "We have got to do more than we did in Bucharest [Rangers lost 1-0]. We defended well there but did not cause them any problems." Juventus have at least been shown to be mortal, having been totally outplayed in losing to Milan on Sunday. "If we play like we did then, Rangers will beat us," Marcello Lippi, their manager, said. "But if we play one. Gough is dangerons at set-pieces and I have been impressed with Durie. But Rangers will miss the creativi-

ty of Gascoigne and Laudrup." Even with those two, Rangers would be stretched. Juventus won the domestic double last year and reached the final of the Uefa Cup. Fortunately, the one department where Rangers are superior is in goal However, Andy Goram's notoriously vulnerable equilibrium may be unbalanced after being arrested

do not need to worry about any- at the weekend. His Juventus counterpart, Angelo Perruzzi, was once hanned for a year for drug-taking. Rangers have been here be-

fore. In 1978 they knocked Juventus out of the European Cup. That success was achieved under the two-legged rule: Rangers lost 1-0 in Turin, but defeated the Italians 2-0 at Ibrox Under the Champions' League format a narrow defeat is worthless. Anything less than a point and Rangers will be staring at European oblivion once more.

Wood's win puts her in 200 club

JOHN ROBERTS reports from Brighton

More British resolve was shown than we have come to expect on the opening day of the women's international tournament here. Clare Wood advanced to the second round in impressive style, and Sam Smith's performance was more encouraging

than the result achieved. Wood, a wild card entry, required only 17 minutes to win the final set 6-0 - losing only two of the 26 points - in defeating Karina Habsudova, a Slovak ranked 178 paces above her at No 39 in the world. The 27-yearold from Sussex now plays the Czech Helena Sukova, a finalist last year and in 1990, hoping to improve on defeats in their four previous matches.

Smith, a qualifier, was unable to convert a match point before being eliminated by Sweden's Asa Carlsson, 3-6, 7-6, 6-2. The 23-year-old from Essex suddenly became tentative on the forehand, presenting her op-ponent with an opportunity to pass her with a backhand drive. But in order to approach the point of victory, Smith recovered from 1-5 in the second set and 2-5 in the tie-break.

Both Britons have emerged from a period in limbo. Wood's progress has been hindered for more than a year by the affects of a torn hamstring, and Smith took three years out of the sport to study for a degree in history.

Once ranked as high as No 103, Smith, who had only played a couple of satellite events on the way to the Brighton Centre, has yet to have her return to the game confirmed by the WIA Tour's computer. The 20-yearold Carlsson is ranked No 52. In the circumstances, Smith can be credited with not looking out of place at this level.

Having decided to resume her career after graduation, Smith was further encouraged by the poor state of the British game. "I watched a lot of English girls at Wimhledon and inongni maybe i could do a bij better," she said. "It's a bit sad for British tennis, but good for me. There's a huge gap, with nobody ranked above 200, which means there's a huge opportunity for somebody who can get up to the top 100 to make an

mmpact" Wood's win vesterday will lift her back into the top 200. Once ranked as high as No 77, she has struggled to keep pace with the game since injuring her right leg after being persuaded to play while attending a charity event on the day of last year's Wimbledon men's singles final.

Before meeting Habsudova, Wood had won only two main draw matches all year. Yesterday, Wood was able to set aside the disappointment of double-faulting when leading 4-3 in the second set tie-break, which she lost.

"After that I tightened up my game a little and made sure I didn't give her many cheap points, which I did to lose the tie-break," Wood said. "I was prepared to stay out there all day if necessary, but luckily I came out really firing in the first game of the third set, and she

was making the errors." Steffi Graf, who has won the title six times, plays her opening match today against the stur-dy Mariaan De Swardt, of South Africa, ranked No 54.

Shearer set to steady Blackburn

PHIL SHAW

reports from Warsaw

Blackburn have not exactly given up on the European Cnp, yet it ranks a poor second behind making a respectable fist of defending the Premiership title. Ray Harford revealed as

much yesterday, when he admitted offering to let Alan Shearer sit out tonight's Champions' League fixture against Legia Warsaw.

Shearer, whose 12 goals in 13 appearances have sustained Blackburn during their abysmal start, declined the invitation, But in explaining the thinking behind the gesture - namely the attritional effects of playing twice a week - Harford laid bare the champions' priorities this

"I suggested to Alan on Saturday that if he didn't want to play in Poland he could have a rest," Harford said. "We've got Chris Sutton, Mike Newell and Paul Warharst who could go up front, but he told me he wants

to play every game.

The Premier League is the most important thing to us.
We've lost the first two in Europe. We've also lost Mark Atkins and Lee Makel [both

any players in who are eligible." Sub-standard standard bearers so far, Blackburn face Legia. with spirits buoyed by a 2-1 win over Sonthampton, However, Harford's reluctance to enter the transfer market until it was clear the problems were potentially terminal means that neither Lars Bohinen, who made a scoring debut at the weekend, nor his other new midfielder, Billy McKinlay, is

available. Warhurst, who last started a match seven months ago, is likely to be asked to duplicate Bohinen's breaks from midfield. Alternatively, Newell could operate behind the attacking duo, though Harford's deliberations have been confused by doubts over Stuart Rip-

ley's participation. The former Middlesbrough winger's wife was rushed to hospital on Monday night with an ectopic pregnancy. If her condition has improved Ripley may fly out today, but without him Blackburn would have no natural width and a team who play to a rigid pattern may be forced to improvise.

Ideally, Harford would like to persist with Sutton alongside Shearer: the so-called SAS. Michael Portillo reckons the mere letters frighten the enemy. enevaros, to recover from mi-Football-wise, that has not been nor knocks.

hard to envisage Blackburn prospering unless the reports of a renewed partnership are confirmed.

Having embarrassed the flag, rather than wrapping them-selves in it like Mr Portillo, Blackburn need at least a draw in the Wojska Polskiego stadium to maintain hopes of quarter-final place. "Seven points might just be enough if the other results go right," Harford said. "We've been OK at home, so the games against Legia and Rosenborg give us hope.

Blackburn's travails have come on their travels, with only Swindon failing to beat them. Legia, domestic double winners two years running and in second place after a 7-2 away victory on Saturday, underlined their capacity to extend the sequence by taking both legs of the preliminary round against IFK Gothenburg, conquerors of Manchester United a year ago.

Harford has seen them only on video, in games when their prolific striker, Jerzy Podbrozny, was absent because of illness. Ominously for Black-burn, he scored twice in his comeback at Siarka Tarnobizeg.

During the war, tonight's venue was commandeered by tillery post. Trenches were dug m the pitch and SS men occupied the stand. Blackburn's compaign to dominate Europe has hardly been characterised by military precision. The retreat from Warsaw might be grim in-deed should their tactical and technical shortcomings be exposed once more.

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Ajax's march towards a secand successive European Cup final should continue apace in the third round of Champions' League matches tonight. The Amsterdam side have not conceded a goal in winning their nine Dutch League matches this season, and they also boast a 100 per cent record in the Champions' League By contrast, their opponents - Grasshopper Zurich - have lost both their Group D matches, 3-0 against Ferencyaros and 2-0 to Real Madrid. Ajax are without the injured Brazilian international defender, Marcio Santos, but expect Marc Overmars, scorer in their 1-0 win over Real, and the Finn Jari Litmanen, who hit a hat-trick in a 5-1 defeat of Fer-



Palm Tuesday: Middlesbrough's ecstatic supporters reach out to the chab's diminutive footballing messiah yesterday

eesside samba salutes new

night," the taxi driver said as he turned a corner and the not be expected to appreciate Riverside Stadium, a monument to optimism amid the derelict had, until two seasons ago, been dockland, came into view. He let scarred by the worry lines of it hang for 10 seconds before he decades of underachievement. caplained. "At any rate," he said, there's a lot of kids off sick from school this morning."
In fact, many local schools had

simply accepted that the first public appearance of Juninho, Boro's new boy from Brazil, was unfair competition, and closed until lunchtime. Nor was it just the children who turned out to pay their respects. Jim Brittain, a supporter for 60 years, insisted that he had never known anything like it, as 4,000 fans waited to meet the instant local hero. Young or old, all wore the same expression, one of delight and excitement, mixed with an equal part of disbelief.

Juninho, too, looked a little startled as he peered over the balcony of the directors' box and acknowledged the cheers. But nothing ever before." then, he knew little of Middles-

brough when he signed his conin Middlesbrough last tract, and so even less about the club's troubled history. He could that the eager npturned faces As the Stockton and Billingham

College samba band pounded out its beat on an assortment of empty barrels and dustbin lids. some regulars may have reflected that it is not so long since it was the team that was playing rubbish. That there was anyone there

at all, far less 4,000 people, was a moving testament to a football fan's resilience in the face of extreme hardship. "This was the first club to pay £1,000 for a play. er," Brittain said, "but for years all the directors were interested in was buying second-rate players, and penny-pinching to put money in their own pockets. We were starved of top-class football, but now suddenly the ambition is there again. There's a cuphoria gripping Teesside like

Greg Wood sees the Middlesbrough faithful bid Juninho a huge welcome

cloh shop has already sold out of Brazilian shirts, or that several fans had rummaged through their supboards to find sombreros which owed more to Marbella than the mardi gras. And when Juninho finally walked out on to the soft green carpet of the Riverside pitch, you could only forgive the children who broke free of the stewards

to mob their new idol. Yet it could have been rather embarrassing. Much had been said about Juninho's slight build and lack of inches, but the truth became apparent only when Middlesbrough's star signing, the millionaire who will be paid £13,000 a week, was briefly in danger of being trampled by an exuberant gang of 12-year-olds.
Juninho's English is, as yet, almost non-existent, but when he begins the course of lessons which has

teacher will safely be able to ig-nore "over 'ere son, on the 'ead". As he stood at Bryan Robson's side, at 5ft 51/2 almost six inches shorter than his new manager and weighing in at just nine stone, you thought of Vinnie Jones and offered up a prayer for the waif from São Panlo. Robson, though, does not share the concern. "I saw him play when I was in Brazil against a team which got a real beast of

a man to man-mark him," he

said. "He got away with murder,

things which you'd never see in England. Our league is no tougher than the one in Brazil." A question about the British weather was just as predictable, but the answer slightly less con-vincing. "He's played when it's winters here don't seem to be as cold as they were." As far as British football is concerned, then, the greenhouse effect is a

good thing.

Juninho himself spoke only occasionally, through his interpreter, and quietly, as though

likes England. He was flattered when Robson expressed his interest in him. He is not worried about his place in the Brazilian team, and playing in England may even help, because there are many fewer matches. And it was easy to believe him when he seemed to be saying, with unusual humility for a superstar that he signed for Middleshrough because they were the first team to ask. If Juninho really is the

thoughtful, well-adjusted 22year-old he appears to be, the Premiership will hold no fears for him. Yet whether or not he eventually proves worthy of all the money and adulation, one thing remains certain. The long-suffering fans of Middlesbrough been minus degrees, and the FC richly deserved their chance to samba on a Tuesday morning in October.

The Football Association has cleared Middlesbrough of any irregularities in the £4.75m transfer of Juninho, following allegations that an unlicensed agent was involved.

Bitter Hallett speaks his mind

Sri Lanka eliminate Pakistan

Mike Hallett yesterday complained about both his opponent and one of the game's senior officials after losing 5-4 to Neal Foulds in the first round of the Skoda Grand Prix in Sunderland. Hallett, unhappy about ref-

eree John Williams awarding a free ball in the deciding frame said: "I've put in a complaint about John, and Neal has totally lost my respect as a professional Neal knows exactly what he's done. He's tried it on and got

the result he wanted. If that's the way he wants to win, I want no part of it.

The standard of refereeing has got to be consistent. I don't know whether John is out there going through the motions, but I am giving 110 per cent. It isn't a game for me, it's my living and it was a diabolical decision."

Foulds said: "I am very dis-appointed with what Mike has said and it's left a bitter taste in my mouth. There's no doubt in my mind it was a free ball and I've got a clear conscience on that."

driver dies

clinically dead on Monday.

started in 1985. Morini, who also worked with the Brazilian Formula One driver Rubens Barrichello in 1990, said he had discovered

was one of the best."

SPORTING DIGEST American football

Basketball

Hakeem Clajuwon of the Houston Rockets, the Most Valuable Player of the NBA finals, said yesterday there is a slight change he will play in the Mo-Donald's Championship starting in London tomonow. Olajuwon has been suffering with back and albow injuries.

Little wonder, then, that the

Saen Sor Ploenchit, of Thailand, vesterday retained his World Boxing Asso-ciation flyweight title when he knocked out the Japanese challenger, Hiroki loke, in the 10th round of their scheduled 12-

Cricket CHARPONS' TROPHY (Sharjab): Paiesten 143 (48.3 overs); Sn Lavie 149 for 2 (26.5 overs). Srl Lawing won by eight wickets.

Steve Douce, the 31-year-old former British champion who was on a life-support mechina after a mountain-blice crash in May, is named in Britain's team for the second round of the World Cup cyclo-cross series at Heerien, the Netherlands, on 29 October.

Football

Football Trust officials fear that a 35 per cent loss of income due to competition from the National Lottery could affect their ability to fully implement the Tay-

Hockey

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Cheston; Glaco v Warington; Kipska v
Belper; Long Suson v Derektart; Luton Town
v Ipswich; Malderthead v Sore Court; Norton v Bosedon; Notingham v Bain Bucks;
Old Kinghtoniens v Oxford Hawks; Did Midwhitgifians v Chichester; Fymouth v Weston-super-Mare; Robinsons v Guernsey;
Sheffield Bankers v Blackburt; Strewsbury
v Cralwile; Timperiey v Bishops Stortfort;
Tube Hill v Windhester; Tunbridge Weißs v
Bradfield College; Wakefield v Hemojata;
Wimbledon v Basingstole; Wolengham v
Lewes, (Ties to De pleyed on Sunday 29
October).

season. The proposed new league would be made up of a number of "fi-nancially sound and well-managed clubs" and will be administered by the MilL: Hartford 7 NY Rangers 5.

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PACIFIC DIVISION

Rugby Union

nounced on Sunday, in preparation for ireland's first match of the sesson, against Fiji at Lansdowne Road on 18

November. The final squad for that game is likely to be announced on Sunday week. The Irish Rugby Football Union has set up a sub committee to investigate the

The Irish Rugby Football Union has set up a sub committee to investigate the incident involving David Corkery, the in-ternational flanker of Terenure College, and the Old Crescent coach, Jed O'Dwyer, after the Second Division mesch in Limerick on 16 September. Corkery alleged that O'Dwyer had verbelly abused and attempted to head-but him as the Terenure players clapped their opponents off the field at the end of the game.

Rugby League Henry Dawson, a former Widnes play-er who coached the Naughton Park club in 1983-84, has died, aged 64.

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SHOOK GRAND PRIX (Sunderland) First round: 5 Davis (Engl bt L Richardson (Engl 5-2; 8 Newbury (Wall) bt T Griffiths (Wall) 5-1; N Foulds (Engl bt M Hallett (Engl 5-4; A Robicious (Car) bt K Broughton (Engl 5-2; A Robicious (Car) bt C Scanfon (Engl 5-2; A McManus (Sco) bt C Scanfon (Engl 5-4; A Hicks (Engl bt R Lawler (Engl 5-3.

The Professional Squash Association ennounced yesterday that Pakistan will stage the 1996 World Open. The tour-nament, which will have £78,000 in prize money, will be held in Karachi from 18-23 November, Pakistan previously staged the World Open in 1984, when Jehangr Khan beat Qamer Zaman in the final, and in 1993, when Jansher Khan beat Jahangr.

Buffering from chronic fatigue and has fied out of this week's United States

Individual tournament takes place in Cyprus from 6-11 November, with the team championships to follow in Ceiro from 13-18 November. oon) 3 Ellis Succionakers Lingfield (Surrey, O; ICL Lion Herts 3 Ogmore Valley Dragons (S Wal) 0. BRITISH SUPER LEAGUE: Cannons (London) 3 Ells Stockbrokers Lingfield (Surrey,

The US Open is changing its format and moving the women's final from the last Saturday of the championships to the last Sunday, preceding the men's filast Sunday, preceding the men's fi-nal. The latest five-year television deal, sealed last week between the US lannis Association and CBS Sports, calls for the change. In recent years, the women's final had been played in be tween the men's semi-finals on

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT (Brighton) Finst rounds S Appelhens (Bell bt N Taubani (Fr) 6-0 6-1; I Spriez (Rom) bt E Likroviseva (Rus) 6-1 6-3; C Wood (GB) to K Habsudova (Slovai) 6-2 6-7 6-0; M De Swardt (SA) bt K Adems (US) 6-4 6-4; K Swardt (SA) bt K Adams (US) 6-4 6-4; K Boogert (Neth) bt J Haland-Decugs (Fr) 5-7 7-6 6-3; H Sulosva (C: Rep) bt L McNeil (US) 6-3 6-7 7-6; A Carlsson (Swe) bt S Smith (GB) 3-6 7-6 6-2; A Coesser (SA) bt N Avendr (US) 6-7 6-3 6-0; M Oternam (Neth) bt K Malee-va (Bul) 7-5 6-1; K Nowak (Pol) bt J Randam (Ger) 6-2 6-4.

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Finals to see

Sri Lanka beat Pakistan by eight wickets with 23.1 overs to spare in Sharjah yesterday to qualify for the final of the Champions' Trophy against the West Indies on Friday on a su-

perior run rate. All three teams finished the round-robin section with two victories apiece, but the West Indies and Sri Lanka advanced to the final with run rates of 5.17 and 5.05 per over, compared to

Pakistan were always in deep trouble after being bowled out for 143. The absence of Azmir Sohail (sore shoulder), Inzamam-ul-Haq (groin) and Saced Anwar (typhoid) had a telling effect and they lost wickets regularly after winning the toss, with the off-spinner Kumar Dhar-

Brazilian after collision Motor racing

The Brazilian Formula 3000 driver Marco Campos died in hospital in Paris yesterday after a crash at Magny Cours at the

weekend. "He died this morning at about 1.00 am," Adriano Morini, the manager of the Draco team, said. "We are totally destroyed, in despair."

Campos, 19, hit the rear

wheel of the Italian driver Thomas Biagi on the last lap of Sunday's race, cartwheeling several times and sustaining severe head injuries. He was declared He was the first driver to die in Formula 3000 since the series

Nonsey 58.46; 5 Russic 57.57; 8 Rely 57.51; 7 Argentina 57.21; 8 Desmerk 57.12; 9 Switzerland 58.28; 10 Mesoc 55.61, GB: 16 Ireland 51.59; 22 England 48.36; 26 Scot-land 48.66; 46 Northern Ireland 38.22; 59 Wales 34.00.

Ben Crenshew, the US Masters cham-pion, has received medical degrance to play in this week's Affed Dunhill Cup team event, after a problem delayed his arrival at last week's World Match Play championship. Crenshaw, whose team-mates this week are Lee Jenzen and Pe-ter Jacobsen. Is making his first annocrancy in the actival exist in object appearance in the annual event involving three-man teams from 16 countries. Officials, meanwhile, played down a report that this would be the last Affred Dunitil Cup competition. The organisers' present three-year contract with the sporsors, a liceny men's goods company, expires this year but negotiations are limited way to extend it.

ice hockey

Ireland will play the United States in Atlanta on 6 January as part of their build-up to the Five Nations Champi-onship. It will be Ireland's first visit to

England's world No 2, Peter Marshall. pulled out of this week's united season.

Open. His club manager, Nell Hervey, thinks he is doubtful for next month's world chemplonships. The World Open

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masena taking 3 for 16. Sri Lanka dealt comfortably Campos and brought him to for Report recommendations. The Trust, which has received £250m from the Italy. "I trained him myself," he onsnip. It will be instand's first wish to North America since 1989, when they played two matches in Canada and two in the States. Meanwhile, e panel of between 30 and 35 players will be anpools companies since its foundation 20 years ago, has seen its income fall from around £37m to £23.5m during with a wayward Pakistan attack, "He was special It's hard to Rosban Mahanama leading the compare him to other drivers, The British loe Hockey Association, afchase with an unbeaten 45 and ter meeting with club representatives yesterday, has announced that a new Super League could be introduced next but he had a special talent. He Kent's Aravinda de Silva adding LEADING FIFA RANKUNGS: 1 Steel 68.19 points: 2 Spain 60.53; 3 Germany 60.50; 4 35 not out off 33 balls.

Bayern ruin all Raith's dreams

Football

DAVID MCKINNEY reports from Easier Road Raith Rovers Bayern Munich

The dream was shattered for Raith Rovers, who fell to a de-feat from which they are unlikely to recover, beaten by the classic sucker punch which has accounted for the demise of Scottish clubs in Europe through the years.

Playing at the home of Hi-bernian, Rovers came back from the loss of an early goal scored by Jürgen Klinsmann to rattle the German defence, before the former Spurs striker struck again with 17 minutes remaining to effectively settle this Uefa Cup second round, first leg tie.

Rovers' supporters afforded their players, part-time just five years ago, a standing ovation at the end, saluting their efforts throughout the 90 minutes. The club approached this tie in the state of ecstasy they have been in since they won the Coca-Cola Cup 11 months ago. Promotion has since followed

to the Premier Division and two previous rounds bave been negotiated in this competition against opposition from the Faroe Islands and Iceland. But not for a second did anyone believe Raith could do much against the Germans, and home support made the trip across the River Forth from Kirkcaldy more in hope than expectation, even out of curlosity: the chance to see Klinsmann in the flesh was too good to turn down.

Klinsmann demonstrated as early as the sixth minute his sharpness around goal when he stitute, fed Klinsmann whose collected a loose ball before lobbing Scott Thomson, the Raith goalkeeper. Then Klinsmann plunged a dagger to the heart

RESULTS

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION First, Division: Watford 1 Bristol Rovers 0.

of the Rovers defence with a late, well-taken, second goal, sidefooting bome from close range after a good run by Alexander Zickler.

shock of the early stages to steady themselves, and in a 20second half they certainly gave the German defence food for

The confidence surging through the team allowed the hold the ball and look for pass es, whereas in the first half they had treated it like the prover-

bial hot potato.

Throughout the game one man stood firm at the beart of the Rovers defence: Davie Sinclair, at times looking as naïve ertheless was a rock at the back and took time to venture forward. From him the rest of the team drew strength and confi-

Sadly for the bome support the closest their favourites came to a goal was in the 65th minute when the Bayern goalkeeper, Oliver Kahn, pulled off a seem-ingly impossible save to deny Cameron, whose beader was heading for the top corner of the

Operating on the break the Germans nevertheless contrived to create several chances in the latter stages as Rovers tired and inevitably left gaps in

beader was brilliantly tipped over the bar and the Frenchman himself later had a shot crash back into the play off the cross-

By then the bopes and the dreams were well and truly buried, as it is unlikely that Rovers will be able to pick up the pieces for the second leg in two weeks' time.

In between times Rovers recovered from the nerves and minute spell at the start of the

ball players such as Danny Lennon and Colin Cameron to

and clumsy as an amateur, nev-

their defence. Thomson saved well from Zickler while Christian Ziege found space for a run and a shot which went With five minutes remaining

Raith Rovers (5-3-2); Thomson; Kirlerood, Sindair, Coyle, Dennis, Boddle; Mchraily, Lennon, Camezon; Graham, Dair. Bayern Munich (4-3-3); Kahn; Kreuzer, Sturz, Hefmer, Ziege; Hamsinn, Storza, Her-zog; Zickler, Scholf, Klinsmann.



Bayern Munich's Thomas Helmer watches the ball while Raith's Danny Lennon watches him in last night's Uefa Cup tie

Burns spells out Celtic's strategy

Tommy Burns faces his biggest examination since taking over at Parkhead 15 months ago when his Celtic team meet Paris St Germain in the European Cup-Winners' Cup second round first leg tie in Paris to-

PSG have reached the semi-finals of all three European lournaments over the past three years, culminating in last season's Champions' League exit at the hands of if they play.

George Weah and David Ginola may have departed but Luis Fernandez's learn still represent a huge obstacle in Celtic's bid to reach their first European quarter-final for 16

Celtic have injury doubts over Tosh McKinlay and Simon Donnelly. Full-back McKinlay

has a thigh strain while midfielder Donnelly has a pulled calf muscle. If the experienced McKinlay does not recover in time to play, Burns will go with youngster Jamie McQuilken who has done well in recent first

eam outings.
"Jamie bas been doing well so I would have no problem with putting him in," Burns said. "Besides the young players need experience but can only get that

"I want my players to go there and not be frightened of the oc-casion but to attack it. This will be a real test and will let us see what we have in our squad."

Burns has better news in the midfield, with Phil O'Donnell likely to be fit after playing in the reserves in midweek and training during the week. Burns added: "Phil has every

chance of playing, because this is a game where I feel his style could be to our advantage.

"The Scottish people are ag-gressive by nature and like their football of the raw meat variety but too often in the past we have been found out in Europe. "I am trying to get my players to see the game in terms of the full pitch and to get a bel-

ter understanding of the game.
"They are beginning to play the way I want, and as time goes on they will get better at it while we are working at getting a cut-

ting edge.
"We are keeping good possession of the ball and I don't think we will change from that too much because that is a quality which is vital in Europe where teams can break quickly if you lose possession.
"We are under no illusious

they will be a good side because they have a lot of quality players although I believe they are not perfect and can make mis-

"We will go there trying to score a goal because it's very important in Europe that you take something from the away

Brian McLaughlin, Celtic's 21-year-old winger, is relishing the prospect of his Paris match."This is the kind of match you dream about as a kid," said McLaughlin, who team in the second half of last

"Twe played in France for Scotland at the Toulon Under-21 tournament but I've never been to Paris. I'm really looking forward to experiencing the

"From what we know, PSG are good going forward. We can only hope they may leave one or two spaces for us to exploit if that happens."

Fellow youngster Simon Donnelly, just 20, is also excited the prospect of facing the French in the Parc de Princes stadium where Scotland's rug-by team triumphed earlier this

"I think Thursday will be the highlight of my career," Donnelly said. "It's a chance to play against some of the best playonly broke into Celtic's first ers in the world and gauge yourself against them."

PSG go into the match lacking confidence. They have not won in their last three games and drew 0-0 at Lyon over the weekend despite the opposition's goalkeeper being sent off after 20 minutes.

Wilkinson rejects **England** position

CATHERINE RILEY

Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, yesterday rejected the chance to become the Football Association's technical director, a newly created post which would have offered him a key role in restructuring the English game over the next 10 years. Wilkinson said he had given

the matter considerable thought, but had decided to stay at Elland Road. "I bave decided to stay at Elland Road." ed I am not yet ready to hang up my tracksuits and boots. I am very happy at Leeds," hc said.
"We have achieved a lot since

I came here and I feel we will continue to make progress. I want to be part of that future."
Wilkinson added that, had the opportunity had arisen "four or five years down the line", his decision might well have been

However, David Davies, the FA's spokesman, denied Wilkinson had been offered the position, saying: "In the light of recent statements and events, the FA wants to make it clear that nobody bas been offered the joh of technical director. Any implication by anybody that it has been

offered to them would be absurd.
"The reality is that the views of certain individuals have been sought on their vision of English football at all levels. Any decision on the appointment of a technical director is most unlikely until the first month of I996 at the very earliest."
Paul Ince is determined to

win over the Internazionale fans and recapture his England place. He admitted yesterday be has had difficulty settling in Italy following his transfer from Manchester United.

"I am boping I will be con-sidered for England's match against Switzerland next month," Ince said. "There bas been a problem adapting to the game in Italy. It is not as aggressive as people in England kept saying and I have had to adapt, bul I think it is 100 late to change my game. We need time to become a good side, but unfortunately. in Italy you don't get time."

Alan Ball has reacted angrily to further reports that he had put the entire Manchesler City first-team squad up for sale. City prop up the Premiership with just one point from nine games and have lost their last eight malches in the League.

"I have no money to buy players and because I have said I have to make my own money, people are putting two and two together, and saying anyone and every-one's available," he said. "At this moment in time. I bave had no contact with any manager in the Premiership or the First Division over the last 10 days or so."

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Queensland feel able to ignore Symonds

Cricket

Andrew Symonds' short, but controversial career took another twist vesterday when the Queensland selectors left him ont of their squad as they start their defence of the Sheffield Shield tomorrow.

Symonds, born in Birming-ham but brought up in Australia since since he was 18 months old, was selected for the England A tour to Pakistan after averaging 55 for Gloucester-shire last season but turned down the invitation, preferring instead to return to Australia.

But Queensland have chosen the 22-year-old Jimmy Maher for their opening four-day match against Victoria. "We certainly have a wealth of talent in our batting just now with a number of other young players besides Andrew vying to get a game,"

coach, said yesterday. "Andrew had a good season a stern challenge from New five of the six strin England but be still needs to South Wales, Shield champions night matches.

Symonds, voted Young Play-er of the Year by his fellow county professionals in England, and who hit a world record 20 sixes in an innings in August, is resigned to the prospect of fill-ing a lesser role for Queensland over the coming months. "As far as this season is concerned, I always looked upon myself as a fringe player battling to get into the side," he said. Queensland lifted the Shield

for the first time last year at the Gabba, ending a run that dated back to 1926-27 and the former Australia captain Allan Border, now 40, has provided a further boost by postponing his retirement for another season.

"Allan is still scoring the runs and his fierce competitiveness and experience are a great influence on younger players," Buchanan said.

Queensland are likely to face

in Australia and put some runs who open their campaign on the board." who open their campaign against Western Australia in Perth today.

After finishing fifth in the

standings last season, they appointed former Test fast bowler Geoff Lawson as coach to revive their fortunes. NSW, who provide the bulk of the Australian Test side, will

benefit from an international

fixture list that frees Test cap-

tain Mark Taylor to play more Shield games Taylor will be joined in the state's ranks by fellow Test bats-men Michael Slater, Steve Waugh, Mark Waugh and Michael Bevan, and the fast

bowler Glenn McGrath, South Australia, losing Shield finalists last season, and Tasmania, who finished bottom on the table, complete the lineup for the six-team competition. In a major format change, more Shield cricket will be

played at night this season, with five of the six states hosting day-

Schumacher's team challenge

Motor racing

Michael Schumacher, the Formula One world champion poised to reclaim his title this week, said yesterday be also wanled lo steer the Benetton-Renault team to the constructors' title before departing for Ferrari.

"I believe we are going to win the championship this year. We won it last year, and I hope I can secure the constructor's champiouship as well this year," said Schumacher, who leads the drivers' championship by an almost said. "When we've done this unassailable 27 points. The German driver, on a two-

Formula One, needs just three more points to clinch the title, while the Benetton team lead Williams by 20 points in the constructors' table. Schumacher, who recently signed a multi-mil-lion dollar deal with Ferrari for for the Pacific Grand Prix and two seasons, said that he de- the Japanese Grand Prix in cided to leave Benetton after successive weeks. Those races nearly five years because be will be followed by the Ansneeded a fresh challenge.

"Life changes and I'm look-

[the drivers' championship], we've done everything you day visit to Thailand to promote can... in Formula One together. That is the reason I've decided to look for a new challenge which hopefully is going to be successful."

After his visit to Thailand,

tralian Grand Prix in Adelaide on 12 November, the final race ing for a new challenge," be of the Formula One season.

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